
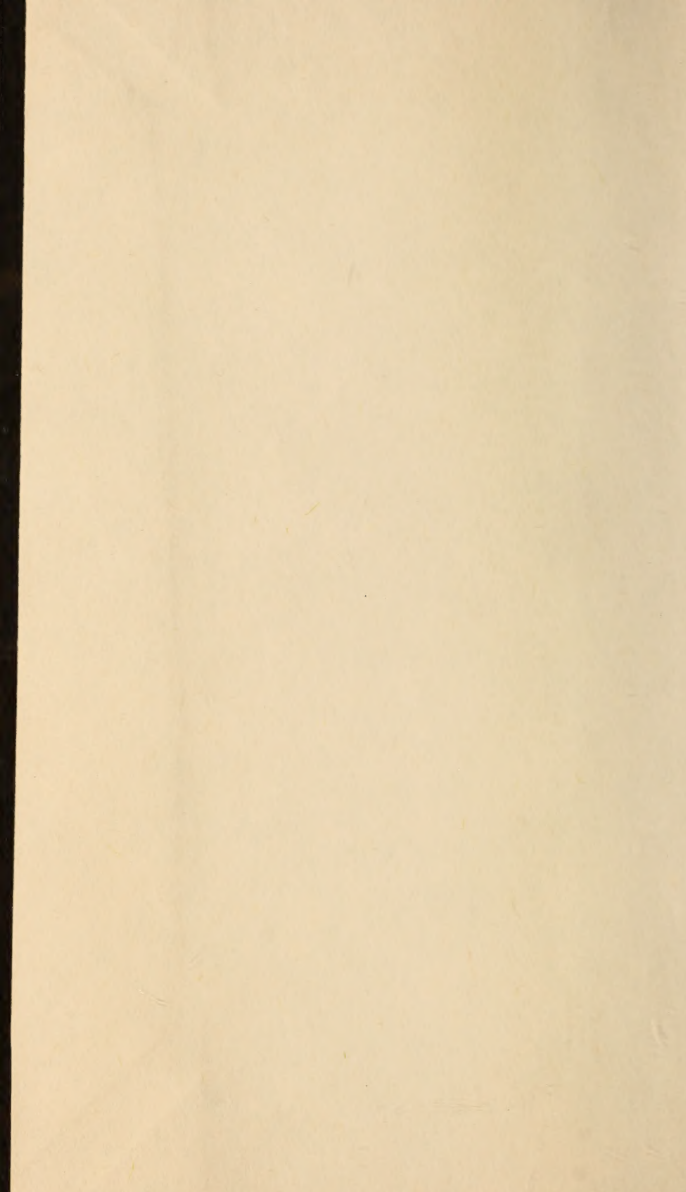


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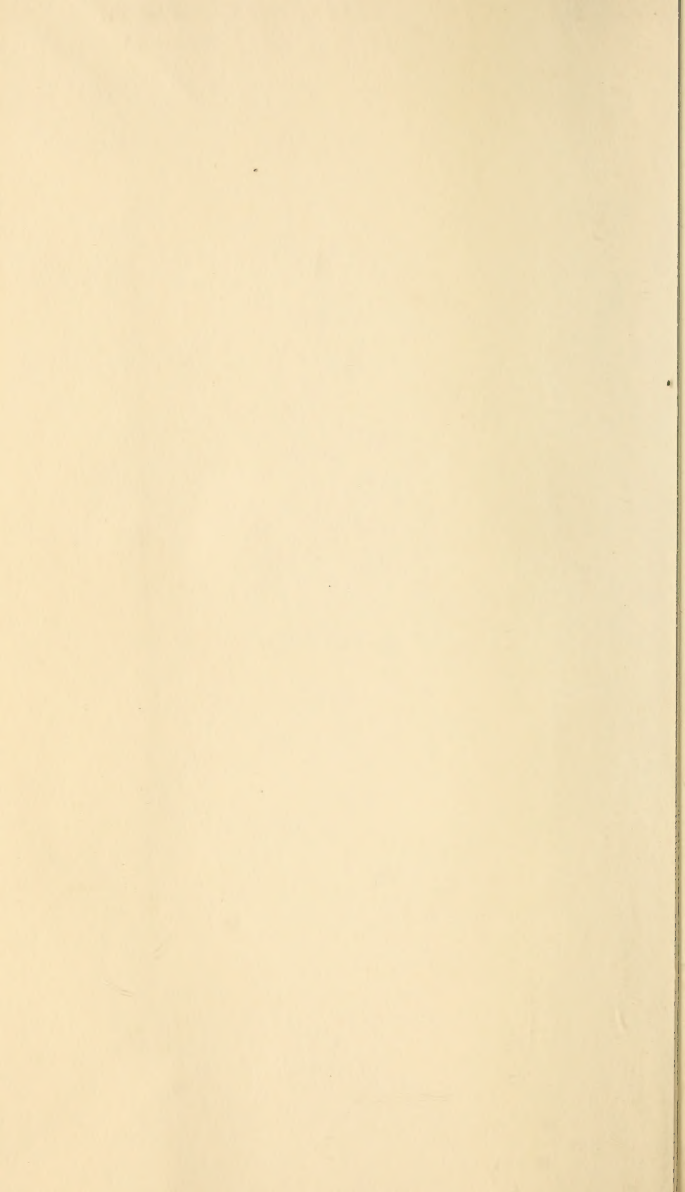
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OR
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When ye pray use not vain repetitions. *Matthew, vi. 7.*

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THE ORDER
FOR
MORNING PRAYER,

EVERY LORD'S DAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

The same to be used, with the proper Collects, upon
CHRISTMAS-DAY, GOOD-FRIDAY, EASTER-DAY,
and WHITSUNDAY.

¶ *At the beginning of Morning Prayer, the Minister shall read some one or more of these sentences of the Scriptures that follow; and then he shall say that which is written after the said sentences: the Minister and Congregation standing.*

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. *Ezek. xviii. 27.*

Let the wicked forsake his way, and
B the

the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. *Isaiah* lv. 7.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psalms* li. 17.

Rend your heart and not your garments; and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel* ii. 13.

To the LORD our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him, neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God to walk in his laws which he hath set before us. *Dan.* ix. 9, 10.

Enter not into judgement with thy servants, O LORD; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Psalms* cxliii. 2.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. *John* iv. 23, 24.

DEARLY

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father, with a lowly, penitent, and obedient heart ; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And as we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, so ought we to do, when we assemble and meet together, to render thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace ; saying after me :

¶ *A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister ; all kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father ; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep ; We have followed too much the devices and desires

of our own hearts ; We have offended against thy holy laws ; We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done.—But thou, O LORD, have mercy upon us, repentant sinners. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent ; According to thy promises declared unto mankind by Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

¶ *The following Prayer to be said by the Minister alone ; he and the Congregation kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid ; purify the thoughts of our hearts, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At the end of this and all other Prayers, the word Amen is to be said by the Clerk and the Congregation.

¶ *To*

¶ *To be said by the Congregation after the Minister ; all kneeling or standing.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven : Give us this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us : And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

Praise ye the LORD.

ANSW. *The LORD's name be praised.*

Raise up our hearts unto thee, O God!

ANSW. *And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

¶ *Here all stand up.*

¶ *Then shall be read part of the xcvith Psalm, or the cth Psalm ; except on Easter-Day, when a proper Anthem is appointed. At the end of each, one of the Doxologies that follow is to be used.*

N.B. The Psalms universally, and the Hymns between the Lessons, are to be read in alternate verses by the Minister and People ; all standing.

Psalm

Psalm xcv.

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD ;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength
of our salvation.

2. Let us come before his presence
with thanksgiving ; and shew our joy
before him with psalms.

3. For the LORD is the great God ;
and the great King above all gods.

4. In his hand are all the depths of the
earth ; and the strength of the hills is his
also.

5. The sea is his, for he made it ; and
his hands formed the dry land.

6. O come, let us worship, and bow
down, and kneel before the LORD our
Maker.

7. For he is our God, and we are the
people of his care.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal,
invisible, the only God ;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through
Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or,

Glory be to the King eternal, immortal,
invisible, the only God ;

Answ. As it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be, world without
end. *Amen.*

Or

Or this Psalm.

Psalm c.

O BE joyful in the LORD, all ye lands :
serve the LORD with gladness, and
come before his presence with a song.

2. Acknowledge that the LORD is God :
he hath made us, and we are his ; his
people, and the sheep of his pasture.

3. Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise : be thankful
unto him, and speak good of his name.

4. For the LORD is gracious ; his mer-
cy is everlasting : and his truth endureth
from generation to generation.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal,
invisible, the only God ;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through
Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or,

Glory be to the King eternal, immor-
tal, invisible, the only God ;

Answ. As it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be, world without
end. *Amen.*

¶ *To be used on Easter-Day, instead of the
foregoing.*

CHRIST our passover is slain for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast ; not
with

with old leaven, neither with the leaven of evil and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. *1 Cor. v. 7.*

Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him. For, when he died unto sin, he died once for all: but, now he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Rom. vi. 9.*

Christ hath been raised from the dead; and become the first fruits of them that are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as by Adam all die; even so by Christ will all be made alive. *1 Cor. xv. 20.*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or,

Glory be to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God;

Answ. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then shall follow a Psalm or Psalms, to be read in alternate verses by the Minister and People, all standing: and at the close of the last shall be repeated one of the Doxologies:*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or,

Glory be to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God;

Answ. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament; the Minister standing, the Congregation sitting.*

¶ *After that let the following Hymn be read, in alternate verses; the Minister and the Congregation standing.*

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the LORD.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The Christian church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;

The Father of an infinite majesty ; the only God :

Also, thine honourable, true, and well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent to be the Saviour of the world.

When he had overcome the sharpness of death, he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

He sitteth at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

Whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We pray thee therefore, help thy servants, whom he hath redeemed from death :

Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee.

And we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O LORD, to keep us this day without sin.

O LORD, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O LORD, let thy mercy shine upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O LORD,

O LORD, in thee have we trusted, let us never be confounded.

Or,

Psalm CXLV.

I WILL extol thee, O God, my king ;
and I will praise thy name for ever
and ever.

2. Every day will I give thanks unto thee, and praise thy name for ever and ever.

3. Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised : his greatness is unsearchable.

4. Generation to generation shall celebrate thy works, and declare thy power.

5. They shall speak of thine honour, thy glory, thy praise, and wonderful works.

6. Men shall tell of the might of thy terrible acts, and discourse of thy greatness.

7. They shall largely commemorate thy great goodness ; and shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

8. The LORD is gracious and merciful ; slow to anger, and abundant in kindness.

9. The LORD is good unto every man, and his mercy is over all his works.

10. All thy works shall celebrate thee,
O LORD ;

O LORD ; and thy saints shall give thanks unto thee.

11. They shall tell of the glory of thy kingdom, and speak of thy power ;

12. That thy power, thy glory, and the mightiness of thy kingdom may be made known unto the sons of men.

13. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

14. The LORD upholdeth all such as are falling ; and lifteth up all those who are bowed down.

15. The eyes of all wait upon thee ; and thou givest them their food in due season.

16. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living creature.

17. The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and bountiful in all his works.

18. The LORD is near unto all those who call upon him ; to all those who call upon him in sincerity.

19. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him ; he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20. The LORD preserveth all those who love him ; but scattereth abroad all those who are wicked.

21. My

21. My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD ; and all flesh shall give thanks unto his holy name for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament ; the Minister standing and the Congregation sitting during the reading of the Lesson.*

¶ *After that, the Hymn following, in alternate verses ; the Minister and Congregation all standing.*

Luke i. 68.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel ;
for he hath visited and redeemed
his people ;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation
for us in the house of his servant David ;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy
prophets, who have been since the world
began ;

To give knowledge of salvation to his
people, for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God :
whereby the day-spring from on high
hath visited us,

To give light to them that sit in dark-
ness and in the shadow of death, and to
guide our feet into the way of peace.
Amen.

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then shall be read on the first Sunday in the Month the three following Collects ; and likewise on the fifth Sunday, when there are five Sundays in the Month : The Minister alone reading ; the Clerk and Congregation saying Amen ; all kneeling or standing.*

Let us pray.

ASSIST us mercifully, O LORD, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation ; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, according to thy promises by Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY LORD and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments ; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through thy great mercy manifested by Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee ; and grant that they may
both

both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same, as the disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Second Sunday in the Month.

BLESSED LORD God, who hast caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning ; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them ; that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us by Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve ; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our consciences accuse us, and giving us those good things which we are encouraged to ask through thy great mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

DELIVER us, O LORD, we beseech thee, from ignorance and error ; and guide us by the continual direction of thy holy word ; that we may plenteously bring
forth

forth the fruits of good works, and may of thee be plenteously rewarded, according to thy gracious promises by Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Third Sunday in the Month.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright ; grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, according to thy promises in the gospel of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent ; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, according to the gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the divine Unity ; we beseech thee
that

that thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest one God world without end. *Amen.*

Fourth Sunday in the Month.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy ; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy : that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for thine infinite mercy's sake. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things ; graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through the gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth ; we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us, according to thy promises through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone ; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee, according to thine infinite mercy manifested in the gospel of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Christmas-Day.

ALMIGHTY God, who at the first coming of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ didst send a messenger to prepare his way before him ; grant, we beseech thee, that the ministers of thy word may likewise so prepare and make ready his way, that at his second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight ; and may by him be presented faultless before the throne of thy glory, there to live with thee world without end. *Amen.*

Good-Friday.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold thy household the church, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death
upon

upon the cross: And as thou sparedst not thy beloved Son, but deliveredst him up for us all, we confide in thy great mercy that thou wilt with him also freely give us all things that thou knowest to be good for us, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Easter-Day.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose mercy our Lord Jesus Christ hath overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; grant us to rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we also may appear with him in glory. *Amen.*

Whitsunday.

O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy holy spirit; grant us, we beseech thee, to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in thy holy comfort, and constantly to obey thy blessed will in all holiness and righteousness. *Amen.*

¶ *The Collects for Peace and Grace to be read every Sunday throughout the year.*

The

The Collect for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in the knowledge of whom consisteth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom ; grant us thy continual protection, that we may be safe from all our enemies, and evermore give thanks unto thee in the congregation of thy people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect for Grace.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day ; defend us in the same by thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our actions being ordered by thy governance, we may do what is righteous in thy sight, now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be read the Litany or general Supplication ; to be said by the Minister and People, all kneeling or standing.*

Minister.

O GOD, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things that are therein, the God and father of
our

our Lord Jesus Christ and of all mankind ; have mercy upon us, repentant sinners.

People.

O God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things that are therein, the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ and of all mankind ; have mercy upon us, repentant sinners.

Remember not, LORD, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers ; and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved. Spare us, good LORD, spare thy people ; and have compassion on the work of thine hands.

Spare us, good LORD.

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from dangerous temptations, from thy wrath, and from final condemnation ;

Good LORD, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart, from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy ; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness ;

Good LORD, deliver us.

From fleshly lusts that war against the soul, and from all the deceitful allurements of this transitory world ;

Good LORD, deliver us.

From

From lightning and tempest ; from plague, pestilence, and famine ; from battle and murder, and from untimely death ;

Good LORD, deliver us.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy and rebellion ; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandment ;

Good LORD, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our prosperity, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement ;

Good LORD, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O LORD God ; and that it may please thee to rule and govern all thy sincere worshipers, in the right way ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to direct and preserve in the true worshiping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy servant George, our king and governor* ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

* " All high titles or appellations of the king, queen, &c. should be left out of the prayers, such as *most illustrious, religious, mighty*, &c. ; and only the word Sovereign retained for King and Queen.

Account of K. William's Ecclesiastical Commissioners, in Calamy's *Abridgement of Baxter's Life*, p. 454, 2d ed.

That

That it may please thee to guide his heart in thy faith, fear, and love, that he may evermore put his trust in thee, and ever seek thine honour and glory ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to be his defender and preserver, and to prosper all his righteous undertakings against his enemies ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to bless and preserve* all the royal family ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to illuminate all the ministers of thy gospel with true knowledge and understanding of thy word, and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and shew it accordingly ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to endue the lords of the council, and all the nobility, with righteousness and understanding ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to bless and keep the magistrates ; giving them wis-

* If at any time hereafter any of the royal family shall be directed by Government to be prayed for by name, their names are to be here inserted,

dom to execute justice, and to preserve peace ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give to all nations, unity, peace, and concord ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the spirit ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak-hearted, and to raise up them that fall, and finally to give us the victory over all temptations ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That

That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water ; all women labouring of child ; all sick persons, and young children ; and to shew pity upon all prisoners and captives ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows, all that are desolate and oppressed, and especially all those that suffer for righteousness sake ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to accept our

sincere repentance ; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances ; and to enable us to amend our lives according to thy holy word ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

Min. Glory be to God in the highest ;

People. *And on earth peace: good will towards men.*

¶ *The following Prayers are to be read as they are here placed, except when the Litany is read. When the Litany is read, the three first of the following Prayers are to be omitted. The Prayers to be read by the Minister alone, the Clerk and Congregation saying Amen ; all kneeling or standing.*

A Prayer for the King.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, king of kings, lord of lords, the supreme ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth ; most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our sovereign king George : and so replenish him with thy grace, that he may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts ; grant him in health and happiness long to live ; prosper all his righteous

teous undertakings against his enemies*; and, after this life, may he attain everlasting joy and felicity through thy mercy and goodness in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer for the Royal Family.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless † all the royal family: endue them with a holy spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness, and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom, which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art the author of every good and perfect gift, communicate unto all ministers of the gospel, and unto all congregations committed to their charge, the true knowledge of thy word; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing.

* This alteration was made by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in 1689; each article, we are told, as soon as agreed on, being signed by the Bishop of London.—*Candid Disquisitions*, p. 277. 279.

† See note p. 23.

This we humbly ask as the disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Parliament, to be read during their Session.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially for the high court of Parliament at this time assembled; that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy glory; the good of thy church; the safety, honour, and welfare of thy servant George our king, and the United Kingdom: that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities, for them, for us, and thy whole church, we humbly beg for thy mercies sake in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for all conditions of men.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee

thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy way known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the whole Christian church in all parts of the world, that it may be so guided and governed by thee, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed

* This is to be said when any desire the prayers of the congregation.

in mind, body, or estate (*especially* those for whom our prayers are desired*), that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we humbly ask as the disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A General Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give

give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness

* This is to be said
when any that have
been prayed for de-
sire to return praise.

to us and to all men (*par-
ticularly* to those who
desire now to offer up
their praises and thanks-
givings for thy late mercies vouchsafed
unto them*). We bless thee for our cre-
ation, preservation, and all the blessings
of this life; but, above all, for thine in-
estimable love in the redemption of the
world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the
means of grace, and for the hope of
glory. And we beseech thee, give us that
due sense of all thy mercies, that our
hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and
that we may shew forth thy praise, not
only with our lips, but in our lives; by
devoting ourselves to thy service, and by
walking before thee in holiness and righ-
teousness all our days, according to the
gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast disposed
us at this time with one accord to
make our common supplications unto
thee; and hast especially encouraged us
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by thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to make known our humble requests unto thee ; fulfill now, O LORD, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them ; granting us in this world the knowledge of thy truth, and, in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

One of these valedictory forms of blessing to be used at the discretion of the Minister.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 1 Cor. xvi. 23. *Philipp.* iv. 23.

May the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us perfect, strengthen, settle us. To him be glory and dominion for ever. *Amen.* 1 *Pet.* v. 10, 11.

The LORD bless us and keep us : may he be gracious unto us ; and give us peace now and for evermore. *Numb.* vi. 24, 25, 26.

May the blessing of Almighty God be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE ORDER
FOR
EVENING PRAYER,
EVERY LORD'S DAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

The same to be used, with the proper Collects, upon
CHRISTMAS-DAY, GOOD-FRIDAY, EASTER-DAY,
and WHITSUNDAY.

¶ *At the beginning of Evening Prayer, the Minister shall read some one or more of these sentences of the Scriptures that follow; and then he shall say that which is written after the said sentences: the Minister and the Congregation standing.*

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. *Ezek. xviii. 27.*

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our
God,

acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father, with a lowly penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And as we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, so ought we to do, when we assemble and meet together, to render thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise; to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me :

¶ *A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister; all kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep; We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; We have offended against thy holy laws; We have left un-
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done those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done. —But thou, O LORD, have mercy upon us, repentant sinners. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind by Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

¶ *The following Prayer to be said by the Minister alone, the Congregation kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; purify the thoughts of our hearts, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At the end of this and all other Prayers the word Amen is to be said by the Clerk and the Congregation.

¶ *To be said by the Congregation after the Minister; all kneeling or standing.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister.

Open thou our eyes, O LORD;

Answer.

That we may see the wondrous things of thy law.

Here all stand up.

¶ *Then shall follow a Psalm or Psalms, to be read in alternate verses by the Minister and People; and at the close of the last shall be repeated one of the Doxologies:*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or,

Glory be to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God;

Answ.

Answ. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read a Lesson taken out of the Old Testament, and after that the xcviith Psalm, as followeth : the Minister standing up and the Congregation sitting during the Lessons, but all standing to read the Psalms alternately.*

Psalm xcviith.

O SING unto the LORD a new song ; for he hath done marvellous things.

His own right-hand and his holy arm have gained him the victory.

The LORD hath declared his saving power ; his righteousness hath he revealed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth towards the house of Israel ; and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sing aloud unto the LORD, O all the earth ; burst forth into singing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof ; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands and the mountains shout for joy before the LORD ; for he cometh to judge the earth.

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With righteousness will he judge the world, and the people with equity. *Amen.*

¶ *Then a Lesson taken out of the New Testament, and after that Psalm LXVII.*

Psalm LXVII.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, and shew us the light of his countenance.

2. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy salvation among all nations.

3. Let the people praise thee, O God ; yea, let all the people praise thee.

4. O let the nations rejoice and be glad ; for thou wilt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

5. Let the people praise thee, O God ; yea, let all the people praise thee.

6. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase ; and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

7. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear him. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read by the Minister alone two of the following Prayers ; all kneeling or standing.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections
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of sinful men ; grant unto thy people, that they may love that which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise ; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found, at thy right-hand for evermore. *Amen.*

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities, and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved ; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thine honour and glory, as disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or,

O GOD, who didst send thy Son Jesus Christ to deliver us from all iniquity, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life ; grant, we beseech thee, that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure ; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him, and be admitted to dwell with thee in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

O God,

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed ; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give ; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness, through thy merciful aid in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect for aid against all Perils.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, with whom there is no shadow of darkness ; defend us, we beseech thee, from all the dangers and evil accidents of the approaching night, and keep us by thy watchful providence in peace and safety, now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read the Prayers following.*

A Prayer for the whole Christian Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make supplications and to give thanks for all men ; we humbly entreat thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually all
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thy sincere worshipers with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord ; and grant that all they that do confess the name of Christ may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also to preserve and defend all lawful kings, princes, and governors, especially thy servant George our king, that under him we may be peaceably governed. And grant unto his whole council and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give wisdom, O heavenly Father, to all the ministers of thy holy gospel, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word. And to all thy people give thy heavenly aid, and especially to this congregation here present, that with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive thy holy word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O LORD, to comfort and succour all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness,
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or any other adversity. And we also bless thy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy holy fear ; beseeching thee to enable us so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. In these our requests, we beseech thee, O God, to hear and to accept us as the true disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GUIDE us, O LORD, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking ; we beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us as the disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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A general Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men (*particularly* to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them*). We bless thee

* This is to be said when any that have been prayed for desire to return praise.

for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but, above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful ; and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives ; by devoting ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, according to the gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast disposed us at this time with one accord to
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make our common supplications unto thee ; and hast especially encouraged us by thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to make known our humble requests unto thee ; fulfill now, O LORD, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them ; granting us in this world the knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

One of these valedictory forms of blessing to be used at the discretion of the Minister.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 1 Cor. xvi. 23. *Philipp.* iv. 23.

May the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us perfect, strengthen, settle us. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.* 1 *Pet.* v. 10, 11.

The LORD bless us and keep us : may he be gracious unto us ; and give us peace now and for evermore. *Amen.* *Numb.* vi. 24, 25, 26.

May the blessing of Almighty God be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE ORDER

FOR

MORNING PRAYER,

ON SUCH DAYS AS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

IS ADMINISTERED.

¶ *At the beginning of Morning Prayer, the Minister shall read some one or more of these sentences of the Scriptures that follow: and then he shall say that which is written after the said sentences. The Minister and the Congregation standing.*

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. *Ezek. xviii. 27.*

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God,
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for he will abundantly pardon. *Isaiah* lv. 7.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psalms* li. 17.

Rend your heart and not your garments; and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel* ii. 13.

To the LORD our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God to walk in his laws which he hath set before us. *Dan.* ix. 9, 10.

Enter not into judgement with thy servants, O LORD; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Psalms* cxliii. 2.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. *John* iv. 23, 24.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to
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acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father, with a lowly, penitent, and obedient heart ; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And as we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, so ought we to do, when we assemble and meet together, to render thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace ; saying after me :

¶ *A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister : all kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father ; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep ; We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts ; We have offended
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against thy holy laws ; We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done.—But thou, O LORD, have mercy upon us, repentant sinners. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent ; According to thy promises declared unto mankind by Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

¶ *To be said by the Minister alone ; all kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent ; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, according to the gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At the end of this and of all other Prayers, the word Amen is to be said by the Clerk and Congregation.

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

PRAISE ye the **LORD**.

ANSW. *The LORD's name be praised.*
Raise up our hearts unto thee, O God!

ANSW. *And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

¶ *Then shall be read the Ten Commandments, taken from Deut. v. 6—21.*

To be read by the Minister; all standing.

GOD spake these words to the children of Israel:

I. I am the **LORD** thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage: Thou shalt have none other gods before me.

II. Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth; Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the **LORD** thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

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III. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain ; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV. Keep the sabbath-day to sanctify it as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work : but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God : in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates : that thy man-servant and thy maid-servant may rest as well as thou. And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand, and by a stretched-out arm : therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath-day.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee ; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt not kill.

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VII. Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

VIII. Neither shalt thou steal.

IX. Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maid-servant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

¶ *Then shall be read the words of Christ—
Mark xii. 29—31.*

HEAR also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith to his disciples :

“The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD : and thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like unto it ; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself : there is none other commandment greater than these.”

People.

LORD, have mercy upon us, and write thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

¶ *The following Litany or general Supplication to be said by the Minister and People ; all kneeling or standing.*

Minister.

O GOD, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things that are therein, the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ and of all mankind ; have mercy upon us, repentant sinners.

People.

O God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things that are therein, the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ and of all mankind ; have mercy upon us, repentant sinners.

Remember not, LORD, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers ; and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved. Spare us, good LORD, spare thy people ; and have compassion on the work of thy hands.

Spare us, good LORD.

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from dangerous temptations, from thy wrath, and from final condemnation ;

Good LORD, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart, from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy ; from envy, hatred,

hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness ;

Good LORD, deliver us.

From fleshly lusts that war against the soul, and from all the deceitful allurements of this transitory world ;

Good LORD, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest ; from plague, pestilence, and famine ; from battle and murder, and from untimely death ;

Good LORD, deliver us.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy and rebellion ; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandment ;

Good LORD, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our prosperity, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement ;

Good LORD, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O LORD God ; and that it may please thee to rule and govern all thy sincere worshipers, in the right way ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to direct and preserve in the true worshiping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy servant George, our king and governor ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That

That it may please thee to guide his heart in thy faith, fear, and love, that he may evermore put his trust in thee, and ever seek thine honour and glory ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to be his defender and preserver, and to prosper all his righteous undertakings against his enemies ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to bless and preserve* all the royal family ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to illuminate all the ministers of thy gospel with true knowledge and understanding of thy word, and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and shew it accordingly ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to endue the lords of the council, and all the nobility, with righteousness and understanding ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to bless and keep the magistrates ; giving them wis-

* If at any time hereafter any of the royal family shall be directed by Government to be prayed for by name, their names are to be here inserted.

dom to execute justice, and to preserve peace ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give to all nations, unity, peace and concord ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the spirit ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak-hearted, and to raise up them that fall, and finally to give us the victory over all temptations ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That

That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water ; all women labouring of child ; all sick persons, and young children, and to shew pity upon all prisoners and captives ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows, for all that are desolate and oppressed, and especially all those that suffer for righteousness sake ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please thee to accept our
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sincere repentance ; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances ; and to enable us to amend our lives according to thy holy word ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good LORD.

Min. Glory be to God in the highest ;

People. *And on earth peace : good will towards men.*

¶ *Then shall be read the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament. And after that shall be said the following portions of Psalm CXIX. The Minister standing, the Congregation sitting, during the Lessons, but all standing while the Psalms are read in alternate verses.*

Psalm CXIX.

BLESSED are those who are undefiled in the way, and walk in the law of the LORD.

Blessed are those who keep his testimonies ; and seek him with their whole heart.

For they commit no iniquity ; they walk in his ways.

Thou hast charged that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

O that my ways were so directed, that I might keep thy statutes !

So shall I not be confounded, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.

I will keep thy statutes : O forsake me not utterly.

O LORD, thy word endureth for ever ; it is more firmly fixed than the heavens.

Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another : thou hast laid the foundations of the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinance ; for all things serve thee.

If my delight had not been in thy law, I should have perished in my trouble.

I will never forget thy commandments ; for through them thou hast revived me.

I am thine, O save me ; for I have sought thy commandments.

The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me ; but I will consider thy testimonies.

I have seen an end of all perfection ; but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God ;

Answ. Be honour and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or,

Or,

Glory be to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God ;

Answ. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Second Lesson, out of the New Testament ; and after that shall be said Psalm XIX.*

Psalm XIX.

THE heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the works of his hands.

2. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3. Though they have no speech, nor language, yet their voice is heard.

4. Their sound is gone out into all lands ; and their words unto the end of the world.

5. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which cometh out of his chamber as a bridegroom, and rejoiceth as a mighty man to run his course.

6. He cometh forth from the uttermost part of the heavens, his circuit is unto the end thereof again ; and there is nothing hid from his heat.

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7. The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul ; the testimony of the LORD is true, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

8. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart ; the commandment of the LORD is clear, giving light unto the mind.

9. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever : the judgements of the LORD are sure, and righteous altogether.

10. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than the finest gold ; sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb.

11. Moreover by them is thy servant instructed, and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12. Who can tell how often he offendeth ? O cleanse thou me from my secret faults !

13. Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins ; let them not have dominion over me ; so shall I be upright and innocent from the great offence.

14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be always acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my rock and my deliverer. *Amen.*

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then shall be read the Lord's Prayer, and the Prayer following.*

The Lord's Prayer to be said by the Congregation after the Minister. The following Prayers to be said by the Minister alone, all kneeling or standing. At the end of each of the Prayers the word Amen to be said by the Clerk and Congregation.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven ; Give us this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us : And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *If the Lord's Supper be administered on Christmas-Day, Good-Friday, Easter-Day, or Whitsunday, the Collect for such day is to be used here.*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid ; purify the thoughts of our hearts, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A general

A general Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men (*particularly* to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them*). We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by devoting ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, according to the gospel of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

* This is to be said when any that have been prayed for desire to return praise.

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A concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast disposed us at this time with one accord to make
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make our common supplications unto thee ; and hast especially encouraged us by thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to make known our humble requests unto thee ; fulfill now, O LORD, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them ; granting us in this world the knowledge of thy truth ; and, in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

One of these valedictory forms of blessing to be used at the discretion of the Minister.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 1 Cor. xvi. 23. *Philipp.* iv. 23.

May the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us perfect, strengthen, settle us. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.* 1 *Pet.* v. 10, 11.

The LORD bless us and keep us ; may he be gracious unto us ; and give us peace now and for evermore. *Numb.* vi. 24, 25, 26.

May the blessing of Almighty God be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE ORDER
FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF
THE LORD'S SUPPER
OR
HOLY COMMUNION.

¶ *The Minister shall say to those who come to receive the Holy Communion ; the Congregation standing :*

YE that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and intend to lead a virtuous life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and partake of this holy ordinance to your comfort ; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

¶ *Then shall this general Confession be made by the Minister and People ; to be said after the Minister, all kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things,

things, Judge of all men ; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and transgressions, which we from time to time have committed by thought, word, and deed, against thy -divine Majesty, provoking thy just displeasure against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings ; the remembrance of which is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father ; forgive us all that is past ; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee, in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name. *Amen.*

¶ *To be read by the Minister alone, all kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee ; have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here all stand up.

¶ *Then*

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

HEAR what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith to all that truly turn to him :

“ Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” *Matt. xi. 28.*

“ God so loved the world that he gave his beloved Son, to the end that every one who believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” *John iii. 16.*

Hear also what St. Paul saith :

“ This is a true doctrine, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” *1 Tim. i. 15.*

Hear also what St. John saith :

“ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and kind to forgive us our sins, and to purify us from all unrighteousness.” *1 John i. 8, 9.*

Lift up your hearts.

Answ. We will lift them up unto the LORD.

Minister.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

Answ. It is meet and right so to do.

¶ *To be said by the Minister only.*

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O LORD, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God!

¶ *Here shall follow the proper Preface, if there be any especially appointed; or else immediately shall follow, to be said by the Congregation after the Minister,*

THEREFORE, we extol and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O LORD most high. *Amen. Eph. iii. 15.*

Proper Prefaces.

Upon Christmas-Day.

Minister.

BECAUSE thou didst send thy Son into the world, that the world through him might be saved;

Minister

Minister and People.

Therefore, we extol and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God of hosts ; heaven and earth are full of thy glory : Glory be to thee, O LORD most high. *Amen.*

Upon Easter-Day.

Minister.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our LORD ; who by his death hath destroyed death ; and by his rising to life again hath raised us to the hope of everlasting life.

Minister and People.

Therefore, we extol and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God of hosts ; heaven and earth are full of thy glory : Glory be to thee, O LORD most high. *Amen.*

Upon Whitsunday.

Minister.

ACCORDING to whose most true promise, thy holy spirit was poured forth

forth upon the apostles, to lead them into all the truth ; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the gospel unto all nations ; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error, into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Minister and People.

Therefore, we extol and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God of hosts ; heaven and earth are full of thy glory : Glory be to thee, O LORD most high. *Amen.*

¶ *Here the Minister, standing before the Table, shall read the following account of the Institution.*

1 Cor. xi. 23—26.

THE Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread : and after he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, “ Take, eat ; This, which is broken for you, is my body ; do this in remembrance of me.”

In like manner also, after supper, he gave the cup to them, saying, “ This cup
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is the new covenant in my blood : do this, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.”

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye show forth the Lord's death till he come.

¶ *Then shall he say the Prayer following ; to be said by the Minister alone, all kneeling or standing.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, by whose gracious assistance, and for our benefit, thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, was obedient even to the death upon the cross ; who did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of his death until his coming again ; hear us, we most humbly beseech thee ; and grant that we may receive this bread and wine, in grateful remembrance of his death and sufferings, and of thy great mercy to mankind, in sending him, thy chosen messenger, to turn us from darkness to light, from vice to virtue, from ignorance and error to the knowledge of thee, the only true God, whom to know is life eternal. *Amen.*

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then shall the Minister first receive the Communion in both kinds himself; and then proceed to deliver the same to the Congregation. And when he delivereth the bread, he shall say,*

Take, and eat this bread in remembrance of Christ*.

¶ *And when he delivereth the cup he shall say,*

Take, and drink this wine in remembrance of Christ.

¶ *When all have communicated, the Minister shall say as followeth; all kneeling or standing:*

O LORD and heavenly Father, we thy faithful servants earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; humbly beseeching thee to grant that by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and obedience to thy will, we may obtain the pardon of our sins, and everlasting life.

Here we offer and present unto thee, **O** LORD, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice

* This form of words is chosen, in conformity to our Saviour's own—viz. "*Do this in remembrance of me.*"

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unto thee. And although we be unworthy to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, according to thine abundant mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; through whom all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be said by all present, all standing:*

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace: good-will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we give thanks to thee for the various manifestations of thy great glory, O LORD God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

We bless thee for sending thy beloved Son Jesus Christ into the world to save sinners; for exalting him unto thy right-hand in heaven; for all the gifts of thy holy spirit, and for the hope of eternal life.

For thou only art wise, and holy, and good; thou only art the LORD; thou only dost govern all things both in heaven and earth. Therefore, blessing and honour,
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and glory and power, be unto thee, through our Lord Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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MAY the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us perfect, strengthen, settle us. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.* 1 *Pet.* v. 10, 11.

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May the blessing of Almighty God be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE ORDER

FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF

BAPTISM.

¶ *Note, That there may be for every Child two or three Sponsors ; who would most properly be parents, guardians, or nearest relations.*

My Brethren,

IT is written in the Gospel of Matthew, that our Lord Jesus Christ said to his apostles :

“ Go ye, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy spirit.” *Matt. xxviii. 19.*

It is also written in the Acts of the Apostles, that the disciples were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. *Acts xix. 5.*

St. Peter also saith in his Epistle :

“ The baptism which saveth us is not the putting away the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God.” *1 Pet. iii. 21.*

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¶ *The Minister, addressing himself to the Sponsors present, shall say,*

YE have brought this child here to be baptized :

I ask therefore,

Will ye faithfully and earnestly exhort this child to renounce every thing that is evil, and all sinful inclinations, so that *he* may not follow or be led by them ?

Answ. I will.

Will ye instruct *him* in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ?

Answ. I will.

Will ye exhort *him* to keep God's holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of *his* life ?

Answ. I will.

¶ *Then shall the Minister take the child into his hands, and say to the Sponsors,*

Name this child.

¶ *Then naming it after them, and either dipping it in the water, or sprinkling water upon it, he shall say,*

I baptize thee into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy spirit.

Or the following form may be used :

I baptize thee into the name of Jesus Christ. See *Acts* ii. 38. xix. 5.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and ever-blessed God, by whose providence the different generations of mankind are raised up to know thee, and to enjoy thy favour for ever ; grant that this child, now dedicated to thee as the disciple of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, may be endued with heavenly virtues, and be in the number of those who shall be everlastingly saved through thy mercy. For this end we entreat thy blessing upon these thy servants, who have now solemnly engaged themselves to instruct it in thy holy truth ; that they may be enabled to discharge their great trust with diligence and fidelity, and may have the comfort of beholding the fruits of their pious labours, in the virtuous improvement of those under their care. Finally, we give thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, for all of us now assembled before thee, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and to faith in thee : increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore ; that we may be enabled to subdue all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceed in all virtue and godliness

ness of living, till we come to that eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Exhortation to parents after baptism.*

Brethren,

THE design of receiving infants by baptism into the church of Christ, is to remind parents of their duty to them in their innocent and helpless age, that they may train them up as his disciples and the children of God ; and that, as they have been the instruments of bringing them into this mortal life, they may have the comfort of contributing to their future happiness in a life that will never end.

Remember then that this child belongs to God who gave it you, and intrusts you with it, that it may be educated and fitted for himself ; and if through your criminal neglect, or bad example, his reasonable creature be lost, he will require it at your hands.

Instill therefore into *his* tender mind the knowledge, reverence, and love of God, the heavenly Father and Maker of all, and a deep sense of the duty *he* owes to him. Acquaint *him* with his benevolent designs, for the recovery of a degenerate

nerate and perishing world to their duty and happiness : And lead *him* to learn the mind and will of God for *his* salvation, from that inestimable treasure of wisdom the holy scriptures, especially the words of Christ and his apostles ; and not from the doctrines and inventions of men.

Check the first risings of envy and pride in *his* breast, by teaching *him* humility and a just knowledge of *himself* ; that all *he* possesses or hopes for is from God, whose free bounty alone maketh the difference between his creatures. But at the same time inform *him* of the dignity of *his* nature ; of the importance of reason, the light of God within *him* ; by which *he* is to govern *himself*, to restrain *his* appetites and passions, to moderate *his* affections, to know the God that made *him*, to learn his will, to become like unto him, holy, just, and good. Teach *him* above all things to abhor falsehood and lies ; and to love and cultivate truth and integrity, which will make *him* amiable in the eyes of all, and acceptable to God. Tell *him* that *he* is to love and do good to all men, because all are equally the children of God with *himself*, and the

the objects of his fatherly kindness and care : That *he* is not born only for *himself*, but for others ; to serve *his* country and mankind by promoting truth and virtue, and the public good.

To this early care of instructing your child, must be added your own invariable good example, that *he* at no time be witness to any hasty, passionate, profane words, or unseemly behaviour, inconsistent with virtue and innocence ; and that the name of God in particular be never mentioned before *him*, but with the utmost seriousness and reverence ; because it is by imitation chiefly that our characters are insensibly formed from our infancy, and the impressions then made are seldom effaced afterwards.

Be therefore thus watchful over this precious charge of heaven committed to you, that it receive no injury in your hands. And sow in *him* betimes these seeds of piety, charity, sincerity, and all goodness ; for otherwise the weeds of evil will spring up of course in such a world as this, which it may be difficult afterwards to root out. And although no pains that you can take can ensure success, yet, whatever happens, you will have discharged

charged your duty, and not have the guilt and mortifying reflection of having contributed to the ruin and misery of those you love. But if your labours are successful, and generally true is the wise man's remark, *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it* ; it will be a source of the highest and purest pleasure and satisfaction to you, and you will have the joy of leaving behind you those who may do good in the world when you shall be no more in it.

And may the supreme Father and Governor of all things direct and bless you in the faithful discharge of your duty, for his glory, the good of mankind, and the advancement of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Where there are other Sponsors who present the child to be baptized, and not the parents, the Minister may thus begin the exhortation :*

YE that have now undertaken the care of this child, which naturally belongs to the parents, must take heed and remember that it is also a child of God, for whom it is to be educated and fitted : and if through your, &c.

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YOU are come hither to be baptized :
I ask therefore,

Are you firmly and earnestly resolved to renounce every thing that is evil, and all sinful inclinations, so that you will not follow them nor be led by them ?

Answ. I am so resolved.

Do you believe Jesus of Nazareth to be the Christ ?

Answ. I believe it with my whole heart.

Will you be baptized into this faith ?

Answ. This is my desire.

Will you then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of your life ?

Answ. I will endeavour so to do, God being my helper.

¶ *Then shall the Minister dip him in the water, or pour water upon him, saying,*

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ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, who spakest in times past unto mankind by thy servants the prophets, but hast most fully manifested thy will and goodness to us in these latter days, by thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ ; look down, we pray thee, with an eye of favour upon this person who hath now been baptized with water, and hath thereby declared himself a member of thy church and chosen family on earth, of which our Lord Jesus Christ is the head : sanctify to him this his desire to fulfill all righteousness, that, by true repentance and faith being purified from all evil, he may be enabled constantly

ly to walk before thee in virtue and holiness of life.

For this end, assist and bless him in his study of thy holy word, that he may receive thine instructions with meekness and readiness, and follow them ; and also may labour to bring others to the knowledge of thy truth, that they may be saved by it.

Give him power and strength to withstand the various temptations in the midst of which we are placed for our trial and improvement, that he may gain the victory over them : and especially let the glorious prospect of life and immortality opened unto us by the gospel, make him count all the riches, the pleasures, and greatness of this world as nothing, when they would shake his integrity, or divert him from his obedience to thee ; that going on to add to his faith, virtue ; to virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity, he may continually improve in the divine image, and in a meetness and fitness for the future glory and felicity of thy heavenly and eternal kingdom, which of thy great goodness thou hast promised us by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Exhortation.

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Christian brother,

YOU have now made public profession of your faith in Christ, and of your intention to live as becometh his true disciple. And prayer hath been offered up to God for you, that it may please him to strengthen these your good purposes, that by abiding in Christ and following his doctrine the heavenly Father may be glorified, and you may bring forth fruit abundantly, promoting the knowledge of truth and virtue in the world.

To accomplish this good work, you are, with diligence and earnest affection for the truth, to search the scriptures, which are a deep mine of hidden treasure to those who thus seek for it; wherein fresh stores of divine wisdom continually open themselves to the pious and honest inquirer, furnishing him with clearer and more extensive knowledge of the will of God and of his duty, and new and powerful motives to the practice of it.

By being baptized, you do not declare yourself of any religious sect or party: but a christian. For you are baptized into the name of Jesus only; not of Paul,
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or of Peter, for the apostles themselves were not lords of our faith ; not of Luther, Calvin, or Socinus, in later times ; all of whom, though faithful servants of God, and eminent reformers and teachers in the christian church, were fallible mortals, and mistaken in many things ; and therefore are to be followed by us no further than as they followed Christ our common master, and taught the truth which he taught.

It is our Lord's charge to his apostles, which belongs also to all his followers ; " Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father who is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven." *Matt. x. 32, 33.*

You are therefore to make open confession and acknowledgement of the divine truth of the gospel, so far as you have attained, or shall attain, to it ; and at no time, through indolence, or the fear of man, or for any worldly consideration whatsoever, are you to dissemble and shrink from it.

If by the blessing of the heavenly Father you have escaped from darkness and
errors,

errors, in which others may be involved, you are to beware and guard against the being elated thereby, so as to think worse of their final state before God, and better of your own, merely on that account. For this will generate an unworthy pride and self-preference, and contempt of those who possess not these advantages. Whereas you ought rather to be the more humble, reflecting, that all things are of God; that whatever you enjoy is from his bounty, and from no merit of your own; and that it is not the splendour and abundance of his gifts, but the faithful use and application of them for your own personal purification and improvement, and the edification of others, that will make them of any real value to you, or recommend you to the favour of God.

And you will always bear in mind, that we cannot be Christ's true disciples, nor is our religion that of the gospel, if in any respect, and especially if on account of any difference of religious sentiments, it lead us to undervalue, despise, or evil-intreat any of our fellow-christians. For he hath expressly told us; "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love
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one another ; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one another." *John* xiii. 34, 35.

Finally, forget not that, as christians, all our knowledge and endowments are only to be esteemed in proportion as they make us wiser and better in our different relations in life, more pious and dutiful to God, more just and kind to others, more strict in the virtuous government of ourselves, our appetites, passions, and affections, and more extensively serviceable to others in their present and future interests.

And may the supreme Father and Governor of all things direct and bless you in all your ways, that you may be finally approved by him, and be made a partaker of his heavenly and eternal kingdom, which he hath promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE FORM
OF
SOLEMNIZATION
OF
MATRIMONY.

¶ *The form of publication of the Banns of Marriage.*

I PUBLISH the banns of marriage between *M.* of — and *N.* of — : If any of you know cause or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in holy matrimony, ye are to declare it : This is the first [second or third] time of publication.

¶ *When the persons to be married, and their friends, are assembled, the Minister shall say,*

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this congregation, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony ; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency ; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence,

presence, and first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee ; and it is commended of St. Paul to be honourable among all men ; and therefore none ought to engage therein unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly ; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God.

¶ *Then speaking unto the persons that shall be married, he shall say,*

I REQUIRE and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgement, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that so many as are coupled together otherwise than God's word doth allow, are not joined together by God, neither is their matrimony lawful.

¶ *If no impediment be alleged, then shall the Minister say unto the man,*

M. WILT thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony ? Wilt thou love her, comfort her,

her, honour, and keep her in sickness and in health, and forsaking all other keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The man shall answer,*
I will.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say unto the woman,*

N. **W**ILT thou have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou obey him, serve him, love, honour, and keep him in sickness and in health, and forsaking all other keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The woman shall answer,*
I will.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

¶ *Then shall they engage themselves to each other in this manner :*

The Minister receiving the woman at her father's or friend's hands shall cause the man with his right-hand to take the woman by her right-hand, and to say after him as followeth :

I M. take thee N. to my wedded wife,
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to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance, and the laws of this land.

¶ *Then shall they loose their hands, and the woman with her right-hand taking the man by his right-hand, shall likewise say after the Minister,*

I N. take thee M. to my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and to obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance, and the laws of this land.

¶ *Then shall they again loose their hands, and the man shall give unto the woman a ring, laying the same upon the book. And the Minister taking the ring shall deliver it unto the man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the woman's left-hand. And the man holding the ring there, and taught by the Minister, shall say,*

With this ring I thee wed ; and to thee only do I promise to keep myself, so long as we both shall live. Amen.

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then shall they both kneel down, and the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

O ETERNAL God, creator and preserver of all mankind, giver of all spiritual grace, the author of everlasting life; send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy name; that these persons may steadfastly perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and may remain in perfect peace and love together. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister join their right-hands together, and say;*

Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

¶ *Then shall the Minister speak unto the people,*

FORASMUCH as *M.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have engaged and pledged themselves each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a ring, and by joining hands; I pronounce that they be man and wife together. *Amen.*

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minist. O LORD, save thy servant and thy handmaid;

Answer. Who put their trust in thee.

Minist. O LORD, send them help from thy holy place;

Answer. And evermore defend them.

Minist. Be unto them a tower of strength,

Answer. From the face of their enemy.

Minist. O LORD, hear our prayer;

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

Minister.

OMERCIFUL God and heavenly Father, bless, we pray thee, these thy servants, and direct them in the way to eternal life; that whatsoever in thy holy word they shall profitably learn, they may
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indeed fulfill the same. And if it shall be thy good pleasure to raise unto them a family, grant that they may live so long together in godly love and honesty, that they may see their children christianly and virtuously brought up, and together with them may be inheritors of thine everlasting kingdom, which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall he add this blessing.*

THE LORD God almighty bless, preserve, and keep you: the LORD mercifully with his favour look upon you; and fill you with all spiritual benediction, that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *Exhortation to the parties after marriage.*

Brethren,

IT will become you to consider seriously the sacred and important engagement into which you have now entered. Marriage was ordained for the continuance of the human kind; and is the union of one man with one woman for their joint happiness, and for the pious education of children, where God gives them: And by the original appointment of God, confirmed by our Saviour, (*Gen. ii. 24.*
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Matt. xix. 4, 5, 6.) this union is to be perpetual, to be dissolved only by death. It was intended by the benevolent parent of mankind, to be a source of the purest satisfactions, to soften the unavoidable cares and increase the innocent pleasures of life, by affording the opportunity of sharing them with a most intimate friend and partner. By Christians in particular it is to be looked upon as a state of perfect indissoluble friendship, in which you are to carry your regards for each other beyond the grave, that you may so live in virtue and holiness here, that you may live hereafter in that state *where there will be no marrying nor giving in marriage, but you will be as the angels in heaven.* Study then to correct what is amiss in your respective tempers and dispositions, which may disturb your mutual love and peace, and hinder your progressive virtuous improvements. And be severe censors of yourselves; but exact not too much one from the other; and bear with each other's infirmities, for there is nothing perfect here below. None are faultless, but all are to endeavour to become such. Cultivate in yourselves, and in each other, the knowledge and practice of virtue and true religion, as the only foundation

foundation of present comfort and future hopes. Study the scriptures, and the precepts and example of Christ, who alone hath the words of eternal life. And be not extravagant in your expectations from the world; for though it be filled with many innocent joys and pleasures, it is not, nor is intended to be, a place of un-mixed prosperity and enjoyment, but a transitory scene of trial and improvement for a better and more enduring state.

The other great end of marriage is for the well ordering of families and right education of children. This is a matter of the highest moment. For families are the nurseries and schools in which the successive generations of men are to be instructed and fitted for their different stations and employments in life, to bear their part and burden in it, to be helpful to others, good citizens, useful magistrates, faithful husbands, virtuous wives, patterns of all that is excellent and worthy in every relation. Of a number of families united, nations are composed: and of all of them together, the whole community of mankind. And as these little seminaries are well tutored and governed,

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or neglected; nations, and the world at large, are happy or otherwise.

Take heed therefore to set an example of piety and virtue yourselves; and then you may with authority require those that belong to you to follow it. Let the God of heaven be acknowledged and worshipped each day in your families. At least let his name and worship not be forgotten in your house, on that day of sacred leisure which is appropriated to religious worship. Keep a strict watch over all that depend upon you; and suffer no vice to go unreprieved, or to remain in your house persisted in and unamended. For this would be to encourage it, and put a snare before others. By this domestic care, and godly discipline, you may be a blessing to your family, your neighbours, and country: But, which is above all to be valued and sought for, you will be approved by almighty God, and rank with prophets and apostles in that future world, where, we are told, *they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.* Dan. xii. 3.

THE
 THANKSGIVING
 OF
 WOMEN AFTER CHILD-BIRTH.

¶ *The woman, at the usual time after her delivery, kneeling down, the Minister shall say unto her,*

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased almighty God of his goodness to give you safe deliverance, and to preserve you in the great danger of child-birth; you shall therefore give hearty thanks unto God, and say,

¶ *Then shall the Minister say :*

Psalm cxvi.

I DO love the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my prayer.

2. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3. The snares of death compassed me round about, and the pains of the grave gat hold upon me.

4. I found trouble and heaviness, and I called upon the name of the LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

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5. Gracious is the LORD, and righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

6. The LORD preserveth the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.

7. Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

8. And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9. What reward shall I render unto the LORD for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

10. I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

11. I will pay my vows now in the congregation of his people. Praise the LORD.

¶ *Or, Psalm cxxvii.*

EXCEPT the LORD build the house, their labour is but lost that build it.

2. Except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

3. It is but lost labour, that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness; but the LORD giveth his beloved sleep.

4. Lo, children and the fruit of the womb

womb are an heritage and gift that cometh of the LORD.

5. Like as the arrows in the hand of the mighty man, even so are the young children.

6. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them : they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies at the gate.

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven : Give us this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us : And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minist. O LORD, save this woman thy servant ;

Answ. Who putteth her trust in thee.

Minist. Be thou to her a strong tower,

Answ. From all evil and danger.

Minist. LORD, hear our prayer ;

Answ. And let our cry come unto thee.

Minister.

Minister. Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation; we present unto thee our unfeigned thanks, that thou hast vouchsafed to deliver this woman thy servant from the great pain and peril of child-birth: Give her such a due sense, O LORD, of thy kind and gracious dealings with her, that a constant, grateful remembrance of thy goodness may dispose her to a cheerful obedience to thy laws; that she through thy help may both faithfully live, and walk according to thy will in this life present; and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE ORDER

FOR THE

VISITATION OF THE SICK.

¶ *The Minister shall begin with saying,*

PEACE be to this house, and to all that dwell in it.

¶ *And he may exhort the sick person after this form, or other like :*

DEARLY beloved, know this, that almighty God is the Lord of life and death, and all things to them pertaining, as youth, strength, health, age, weakness, and sickness. Wherefore, whatsoever your sickness is, know you certainly that it is God's visitation. And for what cause soever this sickness is sent unto you ; whether it be to try your patience for the example of others, and that your faith may be found in the day of the LORD, laudable, glorious, and honourable, to the increase of glory and endless felicity ; or whether it be sent unto you to correct and amend in you whatsoever doth offend the eyes of your heavenly Father ; know you certainly, that if you
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truly repent of your sins, and bear your sickness patiently, trusting in God's mercy declared by his Son Jesus Christ, and render unto him humble thanks for his fatherly visitation, submitting yourself wholly unto his will; it shall turn to your profit, and help you forward in the way that leadeth unto everlasting life.

¶ *If he think fit, the Minister may proceed in his exhortation:*

TAKE, therefore, in good part the chastisement of the LORD: for, as the scripture saith, whom the LORD loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh, who corrected us, and we gave them reverence; shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness. These words, good brother, are written in holy scripture for our comfort and instruction; that we should patiently, and
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with thanksgiving, bear our heavenly Father's correction, whensoever by any manner of adversity it shall please his gracious goodness to visit us. And there should be no greater comfort to christian persons than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sicknesses. For he himself went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain; he entered not into his glory, before he was crucified. So truly our way to eternal joy is to suffer here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life, is gladly to die with Christ; that we may rise again from death and dwell with him in everlasting life.

¶ *Then shall be said the following Prayers :*

O LORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit and relieve this thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; give *him* comfort, and sure confidence in thee; support *him* under all the trials of *his* present sickness, relieve *his* pains, if it seem good unto thee, and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety, through thy great mercy in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

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those whom thou dost love, and chastise every one whom thou dost receive : we beseech thee to have mercy upon this thy servant visited with thy hand, and grant that *he* may take thy visitation patiently ; and fit *him*, O LORD, for whatever in thy wise and righteous providence thou hast appointed for *him* ; that *he* may have cause to glorify thy name for *his* present sufferings, and find that thou, O God, of very faithfulness, hast caused *him* to be troubled. Hear our prayers, O LORD, and grant our requests, for thy mercies sake. *Amen.*

HEAR us, almighty and most merciful God and Saviour, extend thy accustomed goodness to this thy servant, who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction to *him*, that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance ; that, if it shall be thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear and to thy glory : Or else give *him* grace to take thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting, according

according to thy gracious promises by Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for a sick child.*

O ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this child now lying upon the bed of sickness; deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and sanctify this thy fatherly chastisement to *him*, that, if it shall be thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an instrument to thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation: Or else receive *him* to thyself among those who have fallen asleep in the Lord Jesus, and who shall be raised by thee to endless life and happiness at the last day. Grant this, O LORD, of thine infinite mercy and goodness. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for a sick person, when there appeareth small hope of recovery.*

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; we fly unto thee for succour in behalf of this thy servant, here lying under
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thy hand in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O LORD; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy merciful aid in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and a firm reliance on thy great mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; that *his* sins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O LORD, that there is no work impossible with thee; and that if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance among us. Yet forasmuch as in all appearance the time of *his* dissolution draweth near; so fit and prepare *him*, we beseech thee, against the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in thy favour, *he* may in thy appointed time be received into thine everlasting kingdom, which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *A commendatory Prayer for a sick person at the point of departure.*

O ALMIGHTY God and Father of mankind, with whom just men made perfect

perfect shall live for ever; we humbly commend the life of this thy servant, our dear *brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching thee that it may be precious in thy sight. And teach us who survive, in this, and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting, according to thy gracious promises by Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for persons troubled in mind or in conscience.*

O BLESSED LORD, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforts, we beseech thee, look down in pity and compassion upon this thy afflicted servant. Thou writest bitter things against *him*, and makest *him* to possess *his* former iniquities; thy hand lieth hard upon *him*, and *his* soul is full of trouble. But, O merciful God, who hast caused thy holy word to be written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the
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holy scriptures might have hope ; give *him* a right understanding of *himself*, and of thy threats and promises : that *he* may neither cast away *his* confidence in thee, nor place it any where but in thee. Give *him* strength against all *his* temptations, and heal all *his* troubles. Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax. Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure ; but make *him* to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Deliver *him* from all disquieting fears, and lift up the light of thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace, for thy mercies sake in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Concluding Prayer.*

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. O LORD, bless *him* and keep *him*. O LORD, make thy face to shine upon *him*, and be gracious unto *him*. O LORD, lift up the light of thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace both now and for evermore. *Amen.*

THE ORDER

FOR THE

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

¶ *The Minister meeting the corpse at the entrance of the church-yard, or when it is brought into the church, shall say,*

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the LORD: he that believeth in me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. *John xi. 25, 26.*

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out: The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. 1 *Tim. vi. 7. Job i. 21.*

¶ *Afterwards shall be read one or both of the following Psalms, viz.*

Psalm xxxix.

I SAID I will take heed to my ways, that I offend not with my tongue.

2. I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle, while the wicked are in my sight.

3. I held my tongue and spake nothing;
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I kept silence, yea, even from good words ; but it was pain and grief to me.

4. My heart grew hot within me ; and while I was thus musing, the fire kindled, and at the last I spake with my tongue.

5. LORD, make me to know my end, and how short the number of my days ; that I may know how frail I am.

6. Behold, thou hast made my days as a hand-breadth ; and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee : verily, every man living is altogether vanity.

7. Surely, every man pursueth a vain shadow ; and disquieteth himself in vain : he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall inherit them.

8. And now, O LORD, what is my hope ? Truly, my whole hope is in thee.

9. O acquit me from all my transgressions, and suffer me not to be the reproach of the fool.

10. I was dumb, and opened not my mouth ; for it was thy doing.

11. Remove thy stroke away from me ; I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

12. When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth : surely every man is vanity.

13. Hear

13. Hear my prayer, O LORD ; incline thine ear unto my cry ; be not regardless of my tears.

14. For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my forefathers were.

15. O spare me, that I may recover my strength before I go hence and be no more.

Or, Psalm xc.

LORD, thou hast been our refuge from generation to generation.

2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art, O God.

3. Thou reducest mortal man to dust, and sayest, Return, ye children of Adam.

4. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch of the night.

5. Thou overwelmeest them : they pass away like sleep : they are like grass which springeth up in the morning.

6. In the morning it flourisheth, and springeth up ; before the evening it is cut down and withered.

7. For thus we are consumed by thy displeasure, and are afraid of thy wrathful indignation.

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8. Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

9. For all our days are passing away ; we are consumed by thine anger ; our years are like a vapour.

10. The days of our age are threescore years and ten : and if by reason of strength they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength but labour and sorrow : so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

11. But who regardeth the power of thy wrath, or the terribleness of thy displeasure ?

12. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

13. Return unto us, O LORD, at the last, and be gracious unto thy servants.

14. O satisfy us speedily with thy mercy : so shall we rejoice and be glad, all the days of our life.

15. Comfort us again, according to the time that thou hast afflicted us, and according to the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

16. Shew thy servants thy work, and their children thy glory.

17. And let the gracious countenance
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of the LORD our God be upon us: O prosper thou the work of our hands.

¶ *Then shall follow the Lesson taken out of the fifteenth chapter of the first Epistle to the Corinthians.*

THE portion of scripture selected to be read upon the present occasion, is taken from 1st Cor. xv. 20, to the end.

BUT indeed Christ hath been raised from the dead: the first fruits of those who sleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also cometh the resurrection of the dead. For as through Adam all die, even so, through Christ, shall all be restored to life.

But every one in his own order. Christ the first fruits; afterwards, those who are Christ's at his coming.

Then cometh the end; when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God even the Father: when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority and power. For he must reign till God hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy shall be destroyed, *even* death. For God hath "subjected all things under his feet."

But when it is said, All things are subjected to him, it is manifest that he is excepted who subjected all things to him.

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And when all things shall be subjected to him, then shall the Son also himself be subject to Him who subjected all things to him, that God may be all in all.

Besides, what advantage have they who are baptized for the dead*? If the dead will not be raised at all, why are they baptized for the dead? and why stand we in danger every hour?

I protest by that joyful confidence which we have in Christ Jesus our Lord, that I die daily. If, *to speak* after the manner of men, I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what doth it profit me? If the dead will not be raised, let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die.

Be not deceived. Evil connexions corrupt good morals. Awake as becomes you, and err not. For some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.

But some one will say, Why are the dead to be raised? and with what body are they to come?

Thou inconsiderate man! That which

* *i. e.* into the hope of a resurrection of the dead. See Alexander's Commentary on 1 Cor. xv. Or, as others understand the words, in the place of those who have suffered martyrdom. See Abp. Newcome *in loc.*

thou sowest, is not brought to life except it die. And as to that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body which will be *produced*, but a bare corn, perhaps of wheat; or of some other grain. But God giveth it a body as it pleaseth him, and to every seed its own body.

All flesh is not the same flesh : but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars : moreover, one star differeth from another star in glory. Thus will it be in the resurrection of the dead.

It is sown in corruption *, it is raised in incorruption : it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory : it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power : it is sown an animal body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is an animal body, and there is a spiritual body. And thus saith the scrip-

* The comparison here is between man in the present life and man after the resurrection.

ture : The first man Adam was a living soul, the last Adam is a life-giving spirit.

Nevertheless, the spiritual was not first, but the natural, and afterwards that which is spiritual. The first man was from the ground, earthy : the second man is from heaven, heavenly *. As was the earthy, such are they also that are earthy ; and as is the heavenly, such also will be the heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now, this I say, brethren : that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God ; neither shall corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For, a trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible : and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must be clothed with incorruption, and this mortal must be clothed with immortality. But when this corruptible shall be clothed with incorruption, and this mortal shall be clothed with immortality, then will that

* This is the reading of some good MSS. and of the Ethiopic and Vulgate Versions. See Griesbach.

scripture be fulfilled : Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting ? O grave, where is thy victory ? The sting of death is sin ; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the LORD, knowing that your labour in the LORD will not be in vain.

¶ *When they come to the grave, while the corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth, the Minister shall say :*

MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of trouble : He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower ; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and continueth not.

In the midst of life we are in death : of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O LORD, who for our sins art justly displeased ?

Yet, O LORD God most holy, O LORD most mighty, O holy and most merciful Father, deliver us not into the bitter pains of the second death.

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our hearts ; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers ; but spare us, LORD most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Father, thou supreme judge of all ; suffer us not at our last hour to be without hope, or to fall from thee.

¶ *Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the body by some standing by, the Minister shall say :*

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased almighty God to take from us our *brother* now departed ; we therefore commit *his* body to the ground ; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust ; in sure and certain hope that there shall be a resurrection to eternal life of all those who die in the fear and love of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

¶ *Then shall be said :*

I HEARD a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write ; From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the LORD : even so saith the spirit ; for they rest from their labours. *Rev. xiv. 13.*

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¶ *Then the Minister shall say :*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven : Give us this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us : And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Collect.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life ; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die ; and whosoever liveth and believeth in him shall not die eternally ; who also hath taught us, by his holy apostle St. Paul, not to sorrow as men without hope for those who sleep in him : We humbly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness ; that when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him ; and that at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee,

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thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, O heavenly Father, of thine infinite mercy and goodness. *Amen.*

One of these forms of blessing to be used by the Minister.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. 1 *Cor.* xvi. 23. *Philipp.* iv. 23.

The LORD bless us and keep us ; may he be gracious unto us ; and give us peace both now and for evermore. *Numb.* vi. 24, 25, 26.

The blessing of almighty God be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

FORMS OF PRAYER TO BE USED AT SEA.

¶ *The Morning and Evening Service, to be used daily at Sea, shall be the same which is appointed in the foregoing Book of Common Prayer.*

The Collect.

GUIDE us, O LORD, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally obtain everlasting life, through thy mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The following Prayer is to be also used in His Majesty's Navy every day.*

O ETERNAL LORD God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end; be pleased to receive into thine almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants, and the fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that we may be a safeguard unto our sovereign king George, and his kingdoms,
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and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions ; that the inhabitants of our islands may in peace and quietness serve thee our God ; and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labours ; and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies, to praise and glorify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Prayers to be used in storms at sea.*

O MOST powerful and glorious LORD God, at whose command the winds blow and lift up the waves of the sea, and who stillest the rage thereof ; we, thine unworthy creatures, do in this our great distress, with penitent hearts, cry unto thee for help : Save, LORD, or else we perish. We confess, when we have been safe, and have seen all things quiet about us, we have too much forgotten thee our God, and refused to hearken to the still voice of thy word, and to obey thy commandments. But now we see how terrible thou art in all thy works of wonder ; the great God to be feared above all : and therefore we adore thy divine Majesty, acknowledging thy power, and imploring thy goodness. Help, LORD, and save us, for thy mercies sake in Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this.

O MOST glorious and gracious LORD God, who fillest heaven and earth, and beholdest all things below, look down, we beseech thee,

thee, and deliver us from the dreadful danger which now threatens us with destruction : Save, LORD, or else we perish. The living, the living shall praise thee. O send thy word of command to rebuke the raging winds, and the roaring sea ; that we, being delivered from this distress, may live to serve thee, and to glorify thy name all the days of our life. Hear, LORD, and save us, of thine infinite mercy and goodness. *Amen.*

¶ *The Prayer to be said before a fight at sea against any enemy.*

O MOST powerful and glorious LORD God, the LORD of hosts, that rulest and commandest all things ; thou sittest in the throne judging right ; and therefore we make our address to thy divine Majesty in this our necessity, that thou wouldest take the cause into thine own hand, and judge between us and our enemies. Stir up thy strength, O LORD, and come and help us ; for thou givest not alway the battle to the strong, but canst save by many, or, by few. O let not our sins now cry against us for vengeance ; but hear us thy penitent servants begging mercy, and imploring thy help, and that thou wouldest be a defence unto us against the face of the enemy. Make it appear that thou art our saviour and mighty deliverer. *Amen.*

¶ *Short*

¶ *Short Prayers for single persons that cannot meet to join in prayer with others, by reason of the fight or storm.*

¶ *General Prayers.*

LORD, be merciful to us, pardon our sins, and save us for thy mercies sake. Thou art the great God that hast made and rulest all things; O deliver us for thy name's sake.

Thou art the great God to be feared above all: O save us, that we may praise thee.

¶ *Special Prayers with respect to the enemy.*

THOU, O LORD, art just and powerful: O defend our cause against the face of the enemy.

O God, thou art a strong tower of defence to all that fly unto thee: O save us from the violence of the enemy.

O LORD of hosts, fight for us, that we may glorify thee.

O suffer us not to sink under the weight of our sins, or the violence of the enemy.

O LORD, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy name's sake.

¶ *Collects of Thanksgiving.*

O MOST blessed and glorious LORD God, who art of infinite goodness and mercy, we thine unworthy creatures, whom thou hast preserved, holding our souls in life, and now rescuing us out of the jaws of death, humbly present ourselves again before thy divine Majesty, to offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,

thanksgiving, for that thou heardest us when we called in our trouble, and didst not cast out our prayer which we made before thee in our great distress : Even when we gave all for lost, our ship, our goods, our lives, then didst thou mercifully look upon us, and wonderfully command a deliverance ; for which we, now being in safety, do give all praise and glory to thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this.

O MOST mighty and gracious God, thy mercy is over all thy works, but in special manner hath been extended towards us, whom thou hast so powerfully and wonderfully defended. Thou hast shewed us terrible things, and wonders in the deep, that we might see how powerful and gracious a God thou art ; how able and ready to help them that trust in thee. Thou hast shewed us, how both winds and seas obey thy command ; that we may learn, even from them, hereafter to obey thy voice, and to do thy will. We therefore bless and glorify thy name for this thy mercy in saving us when we were ready to perish. And we beseech thee, make us as truly sensible now of thy mercy, as we were then of danger : and give us hearts always ready to express our thankfulness, not only by words, but also by our lives in being more obedient to thy holy commandments. Continue, we beseech thee, this thy goodness to us, that we, whom thou hast preserved, may serve thee in holiness

ness and righteousness all the days of our life, according to the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *A Hymn of praise and thanksgiving after a dangerous tempest.*

O COME, let us give thanks unto the LORD ; for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised ; let the redeemed of the LORD say this, whom he hath delivered from the merciless rage of the sea.

The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion ; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

He hath not dealt with us according to our sins ; neither rewarded us according to our iniquities.

But as the heaven is high above the earth, so great hath been his mercy towards us.

We found trouble and heaviness ; we were even at death's door.

The waters of the sea had well nigh covered us ; the proud waters had well nigh gone over our soul.

The sea roared ; and the stormy wind lifted up the waves thereof.

We were carried up as it were to heaven, and then down again into the deep : our soul melted within us, because of trouble.

Then cried we unto thee, O LORD ; and thou didst deliver us out of our distress.

Blessed be thy name who didst not despise
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the prayer of thy servants; but didst hear our cry, and hast saved us.

Thou didst send forth thy commandment; and the windy storm ceased, and was turned into a calm.

O let us therefore praise the LORD for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he hath done, and still doeth, for the children of men.

Praised be the LORD daily; even the God that helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.

He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation: God is the LORD, by whom we have escaped death.

Thou, LORD, hast made us glad through the operation of thy hands; and we will triumph in thy praise.

Blessed be the LORD God; even the LORD God who only doeth wondrous things:

And blessed be the name of his Majesty for ever; and let every one of us say *Amen, Amen.*

After victory or deliverance from an enemy.

¶ *A Psalm or Hymn of praise and thanksgiving after victory.*

IF the LORD had not been on our side, now may we say; if the LORD himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us;

They had swallowed us up alive, when they were so greatly enraged at us.

Yea, the waters had drowned us, and the
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stream had gone over our soul ; the deep waters of the proud had gone over our soul.

But praised be the LORD, who hath not given us over as a prey unto them.

The LORD hath wrought a mighty salvation for us.

We gat not this by our own sword, neither was it our own arm that saved us ; but thy right-hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto us.

The LORD hath appeared for us ; the LORD hath covered our heads, and made us to stand in the day of battle :

The LORD hath appeared for us ; the LORD hath overthrown our enemies, and dashed in pieces those that rose up against us.

Therefore not unto us, O LORD, not unto us ; but unto thy name be given the glory.

The LORD hath done great things ; the LORD hath done great things for us, for which we rejoice.

Our help standeth in the name of the LORD, who hath made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth for evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Then this Collect.*

O ALMIGHTY God, the supreme governor of the world, in whose hand is power and might, which none is able to withstand ; we bless and magnify thy great and glorious name for this happy victory, the whole glory whereof we ascribe to thee, who art the only
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giver of victory. And we beseech thee, give us grace to improve this great mercy to thy glory, the advancement of thy gospel, the honour of our sovereign, and, as much as in us lieth, to the good of all mankind. And we beseech thee, give us such a sense of this great mercy, as may engage us to a true thankfulness, such as may appear in our lives, by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days, according to the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord; through whom be ascribed unto thee for all thy mercies, and in particular for this victory and deliverance, all glory, honour, and praise, O Father almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

The LORD bless us and keep us: may he be gracious unto us, and give us peace now and for evermore. *Numb. vi. 24, 25, 26.*

At the burial of the dead at sea,

The foregoing office, for the burial of the dead, may be used, only instead of these words, [we therefore commit his body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust,] say,

We therefore commit his body to the deep, till the sea shall give up the dead that are in it; in sure and certain hope that there shall be a resurrection to eternal life, of all those who die in the fear and love of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

¶ *Prayers and Thanksgivings upon several occasions, to be used before the two final prayers of morning and evening prayer.*

PRAYERS.

¶ *For rain.*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all them that seek thy kingdom and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; send us, we beseech thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort and relief; and grant that we may shew forth our thankfulness to thee by a sincere obedience to thy holy laws, which thou hast taught us by Christ our Lord.
Amen.

¶ *For fair weather.*

O ALMIGHTY LORD God, who for the sin of man didst once drown all the world except eight persons, and afterward of thy great mercy didst promise never to destroy it so again; we humbly beseech thee, that, although we for our iniquities have deserved a plague of rain and waters, yet, upon our true repentance, thou wilt send us such weather as that we may receive the fruits of the earth in due season, and learn by thy punishment to
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amend our lives, and for thy clemency to give thee praise and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

¶ *In the time of dearth and famine.*

O GOD, heavenly Father, whose gift it is that the rain doth fall, the earth is fruitful, beasts increase, and fishes do multiply; behold, we beseech thee, the afflictions of thy people; and grant that the scarcity and dearth, which we do now most justly suffer for our iniquity, may, through thy goodness, be mercifully turned into plenty, that we may be preserved to glorify thy name for this, and for all thy mercies to us. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this.*

O GOD, merciful Father, who in the time of Elisha the prophet didst suddenly in Samaria turn great scarcity and dearth into plenty, have mercy upon us; and grant that we, who are now for our sins punished with like adversity, may find a seasonable relief; increase the fruits of the earth by thy heavenly benediction, that we, receiving thy bountiful liberality, may use the same to thy glory, the relief of those that are needy, and our own comfort, through thy mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *In the time of war and tumults.*

O ALMIGHTY God, king of all kings, and governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth

longeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to them that truly repent; save and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, from the hands of our enemies; suffer them not to be thy scourge unto us, but scatter them by thine almighty hand, and defeat all their attempts against us; that we, being armed by thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify thee, who art the only giver of all victory. *Amen.*

¶ *In the time of any common plague or sickness.*

O ALMIGHTY God, have pity upon us repentant sinners, who now are visited with great sickness and mortality; may it now please thee in the midst of judgement to remember mercy, and, upon our penitent and humble supplication, to withdraw from us this plague and grievous sickness, of thine infinite mercy and goodness. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVINGS.

¶ *For rain.*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who by thy gracious providence dost cause the rain to descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man; we give thee humble thanks, that it hath pleased thee in our great necessity to send us at the last a joyful rain upon the land, and to refresh it when it was dry; to the great comfort of us thine unworthy servants, and to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

¶ *For*

¶ *For fair weather.*

O LORD God, who hast justly humbled us by thy late visitation of immoderate rain, and in thy mercy hast relieved and comforted our souls by this seasonable and blessed change of weather; we praise and glorify thy holy name for this thy mercy; and will always declare thy loving-kindness from generation to generation: Unto thee be glory through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *For plenty.*

O MOST merciful Father, who of thy gracious goodness hast heard the devout prayers of thy people, and turned our dearth and scarcity into plenty and abundance; we give thee humble thanks for this thy special bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving kindness unto us, that our land may yield us her fruits of increase, to thy glory, and our comfort. *Amen.*

¶ *For peace and deliverance from our enemies.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who art a strong tower of defence unto thy servants against the face of their enemies; we yield thee praise and thanksgiving for our deliverance from those great and apparent dangers, wherewith we were compassed. We acknowledge thy goodness, that we were not delivered over as a prey unto them; beseeching thee still to continue such thy mercies towards us, that all the world may know that thou art our saviour and mighty deliverer. *Amen.*

¶ *For*

¶ *For restoring public peace at home.*

O ETERNAL God, our heavenly Father, who alone makest men to be of one mind in a house, and stillest the outrage of a violent and unruly people; we bless thy holy name, that it hath pleased thee to appease the seditious tumults which have been lately raised up amongst us; most humbly beseeching thee to grant to all of us thy gracious assistance, that we may henceforth obediently walk in thy holy commandments; and, leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, may continually offer unto thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for these and all other thy mercies towards us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *For deliverance from the plague, or other common sickness.*

O LORD God, against whom we have greatly sinned, and who mightest justly have consumed us by the late heavy and dreadful visitation; and now, in the midst of judgment remembering mercy, hast redeemed us from the brink of destruction; we offer unto thy fatherly goodness ourselves, our souls and bodies, which thou hast delivered, to be a living sacrifice unto thee; always praising and magnifying thy mercies in the congregation of thy people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this.

WE humbly acknowledge before thee, O most merciful Father, that all the severe
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punishments which are threatened in thy law might justly have fallen upon us, by reason of our manifold transgressions and hardness of heart. Yet seeing it hath pleased thee, of thy tender mercy, upon our weak and unworthy humiliation, to assuage the contagious sickness wherewith we lately have been sore afflicted, and to restore the voice of joy and health in our dwellings; we offer unto thy divine Majesty the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; extolling and magnifying thy glorious name for such thy preservation and providence over us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING

TO BE USED UPON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE
KING'S ACCESSION TO THE THRONE.

ALMIGHTY God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the world, and disposest of them according to thy good pleasure; we yield thee unfeigned thanks for that thou wast pleased, as on this day, to place thy servant, our sovereign king George, upon the throne of these realms. Let thy wisdom be his guide, and let thine arm strengthen him; let justice, truth, and holiness, let peace and love, and all those virtues that adorn the Christian profession, flourish in his days; direct all his counsels and endeavours to thy glory and the welfare of his people; and give us a heart to obey him in all things lawful cheerfully and willingly for conscience sake; let him always possess

possess the hearts of his people, that they may never be wanting in honour to his person, and dutiful submission to his lawful authority ; let his reign be long and prosperous, and crown him with immortality in the life to come, through thy mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

MORNING PRAYER FOR A FAMILY.

O GOD, our Creator and heavenly Father, the giver of all good, upon whom we depend now and for ever;

Under an awful sense of thy constant presence with us, we thy creatures and thy servants are assembled together, to thank thee for thy common blessings and undeserved goodness to us, and particularly to acknowledge the watchful care of thy good providence, by which we have been preserved during the defenceless hours of the night, and brought in health and safety to the light of another day.

Thy mercies, O God, are renewed unto us every morning. Let our gratitude and dutiful obedience to thy holy laws bear some proportion to thy favours, that we may be a family fearing thee, and glorifying thy name among men by our virtuous and godly behaviour.

We desire to set thee our God before us in all our ways, that thy blessing may go along with us in our several employments, and that we may never undertake any thing that we dare not beg of thee to prosper.

If it be consistent with thy wise and good designs for us; we pray that we may be preserved from all dangers and sad accidents, and continued in health. But as we know not what is best for us, we would therefore
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refer our outward estate wholly to thee, and be solicitous only to be kept from the ways of sin, and to be carried forward in the paths of virtue and holiness, which lead to thee and thy favour.

Make us sincere in heart, and uncorrupt before thee, and just and upright in all our dealings with our fellow-creatures; and dispose us to acts of kindness towards them, to share in their distresses and relieve them, and to rejoice in and embrace all opportunities of doing them good, especially of promoting their eternal happiness.

Assist us also in the just government and subjection of our inferior appetites and passions to the laws of reason and true religion, and make us moderate in the use of lawful things, that we may be kept at the greatest distance from what is unlawful and sinful.

It hath pleased thee, the sovereign disposer of all things, to appoint the different orders and ranks of men for wise purposes of public good. Enable us all to be useful in our several stations and capacities, and to discharge our duty towards each other with diligence and fidelity; not with eye-service, but fearing thee, O God, who seest in secret, and wilt reward thy servants in the future world, where greater piety and virtue will make the only difference in the rank of thy creatures one from the other.

These our humble requests we offer unto thee, O Father supreme, as the disciples of thy son Jesus Christ our Lord, whose holy
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example we ardently desire to follow, and in whose words we conclude these our prayers for ourselves and others :—Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven : Give us this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us ; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

EVENING PRAYER FOR A FAMILY.

O ETERNAL, ever blessed LORD God, our constant preserver and benefactor, by whose goodness we are brought to the close of another day ; we thank thee for this and all thy mercies.

It is thy gracious design, O God, in lengthening our days to give us time for repentance, and for improvement in every thing holy and good, that we may be fitted for perfect and durable happiness with thee.

If we have this day overcome temptations to evil, if we have in any respect obeyed thy holy will, and done good in the world, unto thee be the praise. But we take shame to ourselves that we have hitherto profited so little by thy forbearance and continuance of us in life. With unfeigned sorrow we confess

fess our sins before thee, seeking forgiveness at thy hands. And we thank thee, O Father of mercies, for the assurance of thy free pardon and acceptance, upon forsaking our sins, which thou hast afforded us by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Help us to correct and amend whatever has been amiss in our conduct and dispositions, and preserve us from falling into any former sins, of all which we now sincerely repent before thee, that we may grow wiser and better, by our past miscarriages. And for this end, let the example of Jesus, thy holy and beloved son, and our lord and master, be always before us, that we may follow his example in piety, integrity, purity, meekness, humility, and zeal for the good of others, and be approved by thee, at the last, as his true disciples; that when he, who is our life, shall appear again at the end of the world, we also may appear with him in glory.

With a sincere desire for the happiness of our fellow-creatures, we offer up our prayers for them unto thee, who art the common Father of all. Continue the care of thy good providence over the nations that unhappily know not thee; and raise up chosen instruments to carry amongst them the knowledge of thee the only true God, and of Jesus Christ the messenger of thy truth to men.

Reform the errors of the christian world; grant that the worship of thee, O Father, in spirit and truth, established by thy son Jesus Christ, may every where be restored; that
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thy moral laws may not be rendered ineffectual by human devices and false notions of religion set up instead of them ; nor the progress of thy holy gospel be stopped and hindered by the wicked lives and scandalous behaviour of those who profess it. Put an end to all usurpation of thy authority, and imposition upon the consciences of men. Let all animosities cease among Christians for diversities of opinion ; and unite all in sincere obedience to thy laws, and in good-will and kindness one to another.

Bless our sovereign the king, and all that are in authority under him, that they may be wise and faithful to promote the public happiness, and that the people may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty. Visit and relieve all that are in misery and under affliction ; and assist all thy creatures in the several trials to which they are exposed in this uncertain world, that they may be sanctified by them, and qualified for higher degrees of happiness with thee.

Extend thy goodness particularly to our relations and friends ; enable them to withstand the temptations of the world ; and lead them on in the ways of virtue and holiness unto everlasting life.

And now, O LORD, we recommend ourselves, and all that belong to us, unto thy care and protection this night. Defend us from all dangers and distressful accidents, and give us quiet and refreshing sleep, which may fit us for the duties of the following day.
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And make us ever mindful of that time which is hastening upon us, when we shall make our bed in the grave; that we may never live in a state in which we may fear to die. Hear and accept us, O God, as the disciples of thy son Jesus Christ, who hath taught us to address ourselves unto thee our Father alone, and in whose comprehensive prayer we sum up all our wants:—Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE
BOOK OF PSALMS.

PSALM I.

BLESSED is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2. But his delight is in the law of the **LORD**, and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3. For he is like a tree planted by the water-side, that bringeth forth its fruit in due season.

4. Whose leaf also withereth not; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

5. It is not so with the ungodly: but they are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

6. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement; neither sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

7. For the **LORD** approveth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM II.

WHY* do the nations tumultuously assemble together ; and the people form vain designs ?

2. Why do the kings of the earth set themselves in array ? and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD, and against his Anointed ; *saying*,

3. Let us break their bonds asunder, and cast away their yoke from us.

4. He that sitteth in the heavens will laugh ; the LORD will hold them in derision.

5. Then will he speak unto them in his wrath, and confound them in his displeasure ;

6. I, even I, have anointed my King upon Zion, my holy mountain.

7. I will declare the decree of the LORD ; He said unto me ; “Thou† art my Son, this day have I adopted thee.

8. “Ask of me ; I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

9. “Thou shalt rule them with a

* Acts iv. 25, 26.

† Acts xiii. 33. Heb. i. 5.

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sceptre of iron, thou shalt dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

10. Now therefore, O ye kings, be wise; be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11. Serve the LORD in fear; and rejoice unto him with trembling.

12. Adore sincerely, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the right way, when his wrath shall begin to kindle. How blessed are all they that put their trust in him!

PSALM III.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me; how many are they that rise against me!

2. How many are they who say of me, There is no safety at all for him in his God!

3. But thou, O LORD, art a shield around me; thou art my glory, and the lifter up of my head.

4. I call upon the LORD with my voice, and he heareth me from his holy mountain.

5. I lie down, I sleep; I wake again; for the LORD sustaineth me.

6. I am not afraid of ten thousands of
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the people who set themselves against me on all sides.

7. Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God. Surely thou canst smite the jaws of all mine enemies; thou canst break the teeth of the ungodly.

8. Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: may thy blessing be upon thy people!

PSALM IV.

HEAR when I call, O God my justifier: thou art wont to relieve me when I have been in trouble: have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

2. O ye sons of men, how long shall my glory be a dishonour? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after falsehood?

3. Yet know this; that the LORD hath chosen for himself the righteous man: when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

4. Stand in awe, and sin not: consider this upon your beds, and be still.

5. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and place your trust in the LORD.

6. Many say, Who will cause us to see plenty?

7. LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

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8. Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than theirs is, when their corn, and wine, and oil are increased.

9. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for thou alone, O LORD, makest me to dwell in safety.

PSALM V.

GIVE ear unto my words, O LORD : consider my complaint.

2. O hearken thou unto the voice of my lamentation, my King, and my God : for unto thee will I make my prayer.

3. Early in the morning shalt thou hear my voice, O LORD : early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

4. For thou art not a God who hast pleasure in wickedness : the evil doer shall not dwell with thee.

5. The profligate shall not stand in thy sight ; thou hatest all the workers of iniquity.

6. Thou wilt destroy all who speak lies ; the LORD will abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

7. But as for me, I will come into thine house in the multitude of thy mercy ;

mercy ; and in thy fear will I worship in thy holy temple.

8. Lead me, O LORD, according to thy righteousness, because of mine enemies : make thy way plain before me.

9. For there is no truth in their mouths : inwardly they are very wickedness.

10. Their throats are an open sepulchre, though they flatter with their tongue.

11. Destroy them, O God ; let them fall by their own counsels ; cast them out in the multitude of their own ungodliness : for they are rebellious against thee.

12. Then will all who put their trust in thee rejoice : they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou defendest them : all who love thy name will be joyful in thee :

13. For thou, LORD, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous man ; and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou encircle him as with a shield.

PSALM VI.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine indignation ; neither chasten me in thy great displeasure.

2. Have

2. Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am weak : O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled.

3. My soul also is exceedingly troubled : but, O LORD, when wilt thou return ?

4. O LORD, deliver my soul : save me for thy mercies' sake.

5. For in death there is no remembrance of thee ; and in the grave, who shall give thee thanks ?

6. I am weary with my groaning ; every night wash I my bed, and water my couch with my tears.

7. Mine eye is wasted with grief ; it is grown dim because of all mine enemies.

8. Away from me, all ye that work iniquity ; for the LORD hath heard my lamentation.

9. The LORD hath listened to my supplication ; the LORD hath accepted my prayer.

10. All mine enemies shall be abashed, and confounded : they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

PSALM VIII.

O LORD, our Governor ; how excellent is thy name in all the earth ! which resoundeth thy praise to the heavens.

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2. From the mouths even of babes and sucklings thou derivest strength, against thine adversaries ; to silence the enemy and the revengeful.

3. When I behold thy heavens, the work of thy fingers ; the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained ;

4. What is man, that thou art mindful of him ; what the son of man, that thou visitest him ?

5. Thou hast placed him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6. Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands ; and thou hast put all things under his feet :

7. All sheep and oxen ; yea, and the beasts of the forest ;

8. The fowls of the air ; and the fishes of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

9. O LORD, our Governor ; how excellent is thy name in all the earth !

PSALM IX.

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O LORD, with my whole heart : I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

2. I will be glad and rejoice in thee ;
yea,

yea, I will sing praises unto thy name, O thou Most High!

3. Because mine enemies are driven back: they fall and perish at thy presence.

4. For thou hast maintained my righteous cause; thou sittest upon thy throne, judging righteously.

5. Thou hast rebuked the heathen, and destroyed the ungodly: thou hast put out their name for ever.

6. Desolations have consumed the enemy for ever; their cities thou hast destroyed, their memory is perished with them.

7. But the LORD endureth for ever; he hath prepared his throne for judgement.

8. And he judgeth the world in righteousness: he administereth true judgement unto the people.

9. The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed: even a refuge in time of trouble.

10. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee; for thou, LORD, hast never failed those who seek thee.

11. O praise the LORD who dwelleth in Zion: celebrate his deeds among the people.

12. For he who maketh inquisition for
H 5 blood

blood remembereth them ; he forgetteth not the complaint of the afflicted.

13. Have mercy upon me, O LORD ; consider the trouble which I suffer from those who hate me : O raise me from the gates of death.

14. That I may rehearse all thy praises within the gate of the city of Zion ; and rejoice in being saved by thee.

15. The nations are sunk down into the pit which they made : in the net which they hid, is their own foot entangled.

16. The LORD is known by the judgement which he executeth : the wicked is ensnared in the work of his own hands.

17. The wicked shall hasten to the grave, and all the people who forget God.

18. For the poor shall not be forgotten for ever : nor the expectation of the afflicted be disappointed for ever.

19. Arise, O LORD, and let not man prevail : let the nations be judged by thee.

20. Put them in fear, O LORD ; that the nations may know that they are but men.

PSALM XI.

IN the LORD I place my trust : why then say ye to me, Escape as a bird unto the mountains ?

2. For

2. For lo, the ungodly have bent the bow, and have fitted their arrow to the string, to shoot in secret at the upright of heart.

3. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

4. The LORD is in his holy temple: the LORD's throne is in heaven.

5. His eyes behold, and his eyelids try, the children of men.

6. The LORD approveth the righteous; but the ungodly and the violent his soul abhorreth.

7. Upon the ungodly he shall rain flakes of fire and sulphur: storm and tempest shall be the portion of their cup.

8. For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance regardeth the upright.

PSALM XII.

DELIVER me, O LORD, for the merciful man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2. They speak falsehood every one to his neighbour: they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.

3. The LORD will cut off every deceitful

ful lip, and the tongue that speaketh boastful things.

4. Even those who say, We are masters of our tongues ; our lips are our own ; who is lord over us ?

5. Now, because of the oppression of the afflicted, and the deep-sighing of the miserable ;

6. I will arise, saith the LORD, and will place them in safety from those who would ensnare them.

7. The words of the LORD are pure words ; like silver, refined from the mixture of earth, and purified seven times.

8. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD ; thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

9. When the wicked walk about on every side, the vilest of men are exalted.

PSALM XIII.

HOW long wilt thou totally forget me, O LORD ? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me ?

2. How long shall I be uneasy in mind, and grieved in my heart ? how long shall mine enemy be exalted above me ?

3. Behold and hear me, O LORD my God ; enlighten mine eyes, lest I sleep in death :

4. Lest

4. Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed ; and those who trouble me, rejoice when I am removed.

5. But my trust is in thy mercy ; and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

6. I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me, I will praise the name of the LORD Most High.

PSALM XIV.

THE fool* saith in his heart, There is no God.

2. They are corrupt, and practise abominations : there is not one who doeth good, not even one.

3. The LORD looked down from heaven upon the sons of men, to see if there were any that did understand, seeking God.

4. But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable ; there is not one who doeth good, not even one.

5. *Their throat is an open sepulchre ; with their tongues have they deceived : the poison of asps is under their lips.*

6. *Their mouth is full of cursing and*

* Fool or foolish, in the Scripture acceptation, is the being wicked, or irreligious : which is indeed the strongest mark of the want of understanding.

bitterness : their feet are swift to shed blood.

7. Destruction and unhappiness are in their ways, and the way of peace have they not known : there is no fear of God before their eyes.

8. Have they no knowledge, all the workers of iniquity ; who devour my people as they devour bread, and call not upon the LORD ?

9. Then were they in great fear : but God is in the habitation of the righteous.

10. They have mocked at the counsel of the afflicted, because he placed his trust in the LORD.

11. O that the deliverance of Israel might be granted from Zion ! When the LORD shall reverse the captivity of his people, then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

PSALM XV.

LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle ? or who shall inhabit thy holy mountain ?

2. Even he who leadeth an uncorrupt life, and doeth justice, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

3. He who slandereth not with his tongue,

tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour ; nor encourageth an ill report against his neighbour.

4. He who despiseth a worthless person ; but honoureth those who fear the LORD.

5. He who sweareth to his neighbour, and deceiveth him not.

6. He who putteth not out his money to usury, and taketh not a bribe against the innocent.

7. He who doeth these things shall never be moved.

PSALM XVI.

PRESERVE me, O God, for in thee I place my trust.

2. I have said unto the LORD, Thou art my sovereign lord ; I expect no good thing but from thee.

3. But to the saints who are in the earth I will shew wonderful things, for all my delight is in them.

4. Their sorrows shall be multiplied, who apostatize from thee.

5. Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer ; nor will I even take their names upon my lips.

6. O LORD, the portion of my heritage
and

and of my cup ; thou hast enlarged my lot.

7. The lines are fallen for me in pleasant places : truly I have a delightful heritage.

8. I will thank the LORD, who giveth me counsel : my earnest desire is towards him, even in the night-season.

9. I set the LORD before me continually : while he is at my right-hand, I shall not be moved.

10. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth ; my flesh also resteth in hope.

11. For thou wilt not abandon my life to the grave ; nor wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption.

12. Thou wilt make known to me the path of life ; fullness of joy in thy presence ; and pleasures for evermore at thy right-hand.

PSALM XVII.

HEAR, O righteous LORD, consider my complaint, and hearken unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

2. Let my sentence come forth from thee ; and let thine eyes discern what is right.

3. Thou hast proved mine heart, thou hast

hast visited me in the night-season ; thou hast tried me, and hast found no wicked thought in me : I approve not the misdeeds of others.

4. According to thy word, I have shunned the ways of the destroyer.

5. Support thou my steps in thy paths, that my feet slip not.

6. I call upon thee, O God, because thou art wont to hear me : incline thine ear, and hearken unto my words.

7. Shew thy wonderful loving-kindness, O thou that savest with thy right-hand those who place their trust in thee, from those who rise up against them.

8. Guard me as the pupil of the eye : hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

9. From the ungodly who would destroy me ; from mine enemies who encompass me about to take away my life.

10. They shut up their heart ; and their mouth speaketh proud things.

11. They lie waiting for us on every side, they design to bring us down to the ground.

12. Like a lion that is greedy of his prey ; like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13. Arise, O LORD, disappoint him,
cast

cast him down ; defend me by thy sword from the wicked man.

14. Defend me by thy hand, O LORD, from such men : from men of the world, who have their portion in this life, whom thou fillest with thy treasure :

15. Who are blessed with a numerous progeny, and who leave their riches to their children.

16. I shall behold thy face in righteousness ; I shall be satisfied when thy glory shall appear.

PSALM XVIII.

I WILL love thee, O LORD, my strength ;
O LORD, my rock, my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my might, in whom I trust, my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my high tower.

2. I called upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised ; and I was preserved from mine enemies.

3. When the waves of death compassed me ; and the floods of ungodliness rushed upon me :

4. When the cords of the grave surrounded me, and the snares of death were spread before me :

5. In

5. In my distress I called upon the LORD ; and cried aloud unto my God.

6. From his temple he heard my voice ; and my cry entered into his ears.

7. Then the earth trembled and quaked ; the foundations of the mountains rocked, and were moved because he was wroth.

8. A smoke issued from his nostrils, and a devouring flame from his mouth ; coals were kindled by it.

9. He bowed the heavens also, and came down ; and darkness was under his feet.

10. He rode upon a cherub, and did fly : he flew swiftly upon the wings of the wind.

11. He placed darkness round him as his tent ; dark waters and thick clouds were his pavilion.

12. At the brightness of his presence black clouds swept along, bolts of fire were kindled.

13. And the LORD thundered out of heaven, and the Most High uttered his voice.

14. He shot forth and scattered his arrows : he multiplied and dispersed his lightnings.

15. And the channels of the sea were seen,

seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD; at the blast of the breath of thy displeasure.

16. He stretched his hand from above: he took me: he drew me out of many waters.

17. He delivered me from my powerful enemies, and from those who hated me: for they were too mighty for me.

18. They had surprised me in the day of my trouble: but the LORD was my support.

19. He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me even because he delighted in me.

20. The LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing: according to the cleanness of my hands did he recompense me.

21. For I had kept the ways of the LORD; and had not wickedly revolted from my God.

22. For his judgements had ever been before me; and I had not removed his statutes from me.

23. I had also been upright before him; and had kept myself from iniquity.

24. Thus hath the LORD requited me
according

according to my righteousness, and according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

25. With the merciful, O God, thou wilt shew thyself merciful ; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright :

26. To the pure thou shewest thyself pure ; and with the stubborn thou dealest according to their stubbornness.

27. For thou wilt save an afflicted people : but looks that are haughty thou wilt bring down.

28. For thou, O LORD, lightest up my lamp : my God enlighteneth my darkness.

29. For enabled by thee I bound over fences ; and by the help of my God I leap over walls.

30. God is perfect in his way ; the word of the LORD also is tried in the fire ; he is a buckler to all who place their trust in him.

31. For who is God beside the LORD ? or who is a rock, except our God ?

32. It is God, who girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way clear.

33. He maketh my feet like harts' feet ; he maketh me to stand firm on high places.

34. He teacheth mine hands to war ;

so that mine arms can break a bow of steel.

35. Thou coverest me with a shield of thy salvation ; thy right-hand supporteth me ; thine indulgence maketh me great.

36. Thou hast enlarged the place of my steps, that my feet may not slip.

37. I pursue mine enemies and overtake them ; I return not till they are consumed.

38. I wound them, so that they cannot rise ; they are fallen under my feet.

39. Thou girdest me with strength for the battle : thou subduest mine enemies under me.

40. Thou makest me to tread on the necks of mine enemies ; and I utterly destroy mine adversaries.

41. They cry for help, but there is none to save ; yea even unto the LORD, but he answereth them not.

42. I beat them as small as the dust before the wind ; I tread upon them like dirt in the streets.

43. Thou hast delivered me from the contentions of the people ; and thou hast placed me at the head of the nations :

44. A people whom I knew not are become

come subject to me. As soon as they hear of me, they obey me.

45. Foreign nations dissemble to me : foreign nations fade away, and tremble in their strong holds.

46. The LORD liveth, and blessed be my rock ; and exalted be the God of my salvation.

47. He is the God who avengeth my cause ; and subdueth nations unto me.

48. He delivereth me from mine enemies ; yea thou raisest me above mine adversaries : thou hast delivered me from the men of violence.

49. Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the nations ; I will sing praises unto thy name :

50. Who is the great safeguard of his *chosen* King, and sheweth loving-kindness unto his Anointed, unto David and his posterity for ever.

PSALM XIX.

[*See the Morning Service, p. 59.*]

PSALM XX.

THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble : the name of the God of Jacob defend thee :

2. Send

2. Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee from Zion :

3. Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice :

4. Grant thee thy heart's desire, and fulfill all thy mind.

5. We will rejoice in thy deliverance, and triumph in the name of the LORD our God : the LORD grant all thy requests.

6. Now know I that the LORD helpeth his Anointed, he will hear him from his holy heaven ; his right-hand saveth with great strength.

7. Some boast of their chariots, and some of their horses ; but we will glory in the name of the LORD our God.

8. They shall be brought down, and fall : but we shall rise, and stand firm.

9. O LORD, save the king, and hear us, when we call upon thee.

PSALM XXII.

MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me, and art so far from my cry, and from the words of my complaint ?

2. O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou answerest not ; and in the night-season, but without relief.

3. But

3. But, O thou holy One, who dwellest amidst the praises of Israel!

4. Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

5. They called upon thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

6. But I am *treated as* a worm, and not a man; the reproach of men, and derision of the people.

7. All those who see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*,

8. "He trusteth in the LORD, let him deliver him: let him rescue him, seeing that he delighteth in him."

9. But thou art he who took me from the womb: thou wast my hope when I hanged upon my mother's breast.

10. I have been left unto thee ever since I was born: thou hast been my God, from my mother's womb.

11. O be not far from me when trouble is near, and there is none to help me.

12. A multitude of bulls are come about me: the fierce bulls of Bashan surround me.

13. They open wide their mouths
I against

against me, like a ravenous and roaring lion.

14. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are dissolved: my heart is melted like wax within me.

15. My substance is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; thou hast laid me in the dust of death.

16. A multitude of dogs encompass me: an assembly of the wicked surroundeth me; they torture my hands and my feet:

17. They number all my bones; they stare and feast their eyes upon me;

18. They divide my garments among them, and cast lots for my vesture.

19. But be not thou far from me, O LORD: my God, make haste to my assistance.

20. Deliver my life from the sword; my precious life from the power of the dog.

21. Save me from the mouth of the lion: and deliver me from the horns of the buffalo.

22. I will declare thy name among my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23. O praise

23. O praise the LORD, ye who fear him: magnify him, all ye of the family of Jacob: and fear him, all ye posterity of Israel.

24. For he hath not despised nor disdained the low estate of the afflicted: he hath not hid his countenance from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard him.

25. My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: my vows will I perform in the presence of those who fear thee.

26. The humble shall eat, and be satisfied; they who seek the LORD, shall praise him; their heart shall live for ever.

27. All the ends of the earth shall repent, and turn unto the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship him.

28. For the kingdom is the LORD's, and he reigneth over the nations.

29. All the rich ones of the land shall eat, and worship him:

30. All who go down into the dust shall bow before him: and those who are destitute of support.

31. Posterity shall serve him; it shall be counted the LORD's for the generations to come.

32. And they shall declare his righteousness unto a people yet unborn : that he hath wrought all these things.

PSALM XXIII.

THE LORD is my shepherd ; therefore I shall never want.

2. He feedeth me in a green pasture, and leadeth me forth by the side of the gentle waters.

3. He restoreth my soul ; he guideth me in right paths, for his name's sake.

4. Yea, though I walk through a valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil ; for thou art with me, thy crook and thy staff comfort me.

5. Thou hast spread a table before me in the presence of mine enemies : thou anointest my head with oil, and makest my cup to overflow.

6. Surely thy goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life ; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD as long as I live.

PSALM XXIV.

THE earth is the LORD's, and all that it contains ; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2. For

2. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3. Who shall ascend the mountain of the LORD: and who shall stand in his holy place?

4. He who hath clean hands, and a pure heart; and who hath not lifted up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5. He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, and be justified by the God of his salvation.

6. This is the generation of those who seek him: even of those who desire thy presence, O God of Jacob.

7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

8. Who is the King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty; even the LORD mighty in battle.

9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

10. Who is the King of glory? The LORD of hosts; he is the King of glory.

PSALM XXV.

UNTO thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I place my trust in
in

in thee : let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

2. Let none be confounded who look up to thee : let those be confounded who act wrongfully without cause.

3. Shew me thy ways, O LORD, and teach me thy paths.

4. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me, for thou art the God of my salvation ;

5. To thee I daily look up, because of thy goodness, O LORD.

6. Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies, and thy loving-kindnesses, of former days.

7. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth ; according to thy mercy, be thou mindful of me.

8. Gracious and righteous is the LORD ; therefore he instructeth sinners in the way.

9. The meek he guideth in judgement ; and to the gentle, he pointeth out his way.

10. All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, to those who keep his covenant, and his testimonies.

11. For thine own name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity, though it be great.

12. Who

12. Who is the man that feareth the LORD? him he will instruct in his chosen way.

13. That man shall enjoy prosperity; and his children shall inherit the land.

14. The secret of the LORD is among those who fear him; and he will make known to them his covenant.

15. Mine eyes are ever directed to the LORD; for he will draw my feet out of the snare.

16. Regard me, and have compassion upon me; for I am desolate, and in misery.

17. Relieve the sorrows of my heart; and bring me out of my troubles.

18. Put an end to my afflictions and my sufferings, and pardon all my transgressions.

19. See how mine enemies multiply, and they hate me with outrageous hatred.

20. Preserve my life, and deliver me; let me not be confounded; for I place my trust in thee.

21. Let integrity and righteous dealing preserve me: for my hope hath been in thee, O LORD.

22. Deliver Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

PSALM XXVI.

JUDGE my cause, O LORD, for I have walked in mine integrity ; my trust hath been in the LORD, therefore I shall not fall.

2. Examine me, O LORD, and prove me ; try thou my reins, and my heart.

3. For thy loving-kindness hath ever been before mine eyes, and I have walked according to thy truth.

4. I have not dwelt with vain persons ; neither have I associated with hypocrites.

5. I have hated the company of the wicked, and will not sit among the ungodly.

6. I wash my hands in innocence when I approach thine altar, O LORD ;

7. That I may make my voice to be heard in thy praise, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

8. I love, O LORD, the house where thou dwellest, and the place of the tabernacle of thy glory.

9. Join not my soul with sinners ; nor my life with bloodthirsty men ;

10. Who design mischief, and whose right-hand is full of bribes.

11. But

11. But I will walk in mine integrity ;
O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.

12. When my foot shall stand on even
ground ; I will praise the LORD in the con-
gregations.

PSALM XXVII.

THE LORD is my light and my salvation ;
whom then shall I fear ? The LORD is
the safeguard of my life ; of whom then
shall I be afraid ?

2. When the wicked, even my perse-
cutors and mine enemies, advanced to de-
vour my flesh, they stumbled, and fell.

3. Should an host encamp against me,
my heart would not be afraid ; and should
war be waged against me, even then
would I be confident.

4. One thing have I desired of the
LORD, and this I earnestly request, that I
may dwell in the house of the LORD all
the days of my life, to behold the beauty
of the LORD, and to visit his temple.

5. For in the time of trouble he will
hide me in his pavilion ; yea, in the secret
place of his tabernacle will he hide me,
and will set me upon a rock.

6. Even now will he exalt my head
above mine enemies who surround me.

7. Therefore will I offer in his taber-
nacle

nacle sacrifices of thanksgiving : I will sing, and speak praises unto the LORD.

8. Hear my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee ; have mercy upon me, and answer me.

9. My heart said unto thee, I will seek thy face ; LORD, I will earnestly seek thy face.

10. O hide not thou thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

11. Thou art my refuge ; abandon me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

12. Though my father and mother should forsake me, yet the LORD would take me up.

13. Teach me thy way, O LORD, and guide me in the right path, because of mine enemies.

14. Deliver me not over to the will of mine adversaries ; for false witnesses are risen up against me, and those who breathe out cruelty.

15. O that I could believe that I should see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living !

16. Look up to the LORD, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart ; look up therefore to the LORD.

PSALM XXIX.

ASCRIBE unto the LORD, O ye great ones ; ascribe unto the LORD glory and power.

2. Ascribe unto the LORD the honour due unto his name ; worship the LORD with holy worship.

3. The voice of the LORD is upon the waters, the voice of the glorious God : the LORD thundereth over the great waters.

4. The voice of the LORD is full of power ; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

5. The voice of the LORD shivereth the cedar-trees ; the LORD shivereth the cedars of Lebanon.

6. He maketh Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young unicorn.

7. The voice of the LORD scattereth lightnings ; the voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness ; the LORD shaketh even the wilderness of Kadesh.

8. The voice of the LORD shaketh the oaks, and maketh bare the forests ; by its power it universally proclaimeth his glory.

9. The LORD sitteth above the storm : the LORD will remain a king for ever.

10. May

10. May the LORD give strength unto his people ; may the LORD give his people the blessing of peace !

PSALM XXX.

I WILL extol thee, O LORD, for thou hast exalted me ; and hast not suffered my foes to triumph over me

2. O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

3. Thou, LORD, hast brought back my life from the grave ; thou hast preserved me from descending into the pit.

4. Sing praises unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and commemorate with praise his holiness.

5. For in his anger is destruction, but in his favour is life : sorrow may endure for the night, but joy cometh in the morning.

6. In my prosperity, I said, I shall never be removed ; thou, LORD, of thy goodness hast added strength to my glory.

7. Thou didst turn thy countenance from me, and I was dismayed.

8. Then I cried unto thee, O LORD, and to thee I directed my supplication.

9. What profit will there be in my blood,

blood, when I shall have gone down to the pit ?

10. Will the dust give thanks unto thee, or will it declare thy truth ?

11. Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me ; LORD, be thou my helper.

12. Thou hast turned my mourning into joy ; thou hast taken off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

13. Therefore my tongue shall praise thee without ceasing ; O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

PSALM XXXI.

IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust ; let me never be confounded ; deliver me for thy righteousness sake.

2. Incline thine ear to me ; and hasten to deliver me.

3. Be thou to me a tower of strength, and a fortress of defence to save me.

4. For thou art my strong rock, and my castle ; be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy name's sake.

5. Draw me out of the snare which they have laid for me ; for thou art my strength.

6. Into thy hands I commend my life ; redeem me, O LORD, thou God of truth.

7. Thou

7. Thou hatest those who regard idolatrous vanities; but my trust is in the LORD.

8. I will be glad, and rejoice in thy mercy; for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.

9. Thou hast not delivered me as a prisoner into the hand of the enemy, but hast set my feet in a place of liberty.

10. Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; mine eye, yea, my soul and my body are wasted with vexation.

11. For my life is consumed with sorrow, and my years with mourning.

12. My strength faileth me, because of my affliction, and my bones are corroded with grief.

13. I am the reproach of all mine enemies, a burthen to my neighbours; mine acquaintance are afraid of me, and they who see me abroad avoid me.

14. I am forgotten, as one dead; I am out of remembrance, like a broken vessel.

15. When I hear the slander of the multitude, fear encompasseth me on every side, while they conspire together against me, and consult to take away my life.

16. But

16. But my trust is in thee, O LORD ;
I have said, 'Thou art my God.

17. My time is in thy hand ; deliver me
from the power of mine enemies and my
persecutors.

18. Shew thy servant the light of thy
countenance, and save me, O LORD, for
thy mercy's sake.

19. Let me not be ashamed, O LORD,
for I have called upon thee ; let the
wicked be confounded, and be put to si-
lence in the grave.

20. Let the lips of falsehood be put to
silence, which cruelly, disdainfully, and
despitefully speak against the righteous.

21. O how plentiful is thy goodness,
which thou hast reserved for those who
fear thee ; and hast prepared for those
who place their trust in thee, in despite of
the sons of men !

22. Thou hidest them in the covert of
thy presence from the insults of men ;
thou keepest them secretly in thy sanctu-
ary from contentious tongues.

23. Thanks be to the LORD, for he hath
shewn me wonderful favour in a fortified
city.

24. In my consternation I had said, I
am cast out of thy sight.

25. Never-

25. Nevertheless, thou heardest my supplication when I cried unto thee.

26. O love the LORD, all ye his servants; for the LORD protecteth the faithful, but repayeth the insolent with usury.

27. Be firm, and let your heart be courageous, all ye who place your trust in the LORD.

PSALM XXXII.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

2. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3. For while I was silent, my bones were consumed with continual grief.

4. For thy hand was heavy upon me day and night, and my moisture was turned into the summer drought.

5. I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity I did not conceal.

6. I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the guilt of my sin.

7. Whosoever shall thus piously offer his prayer unto thee, at a season when favour may yet be found, the great water-floods shall not come nigh him.

8. Thou art my refuge, thou preservest

servest me from trouble ; thou compassest me about with songs of deliverance :

9. I will instruct thee, and teach thee the way wherein thou shouldest go : I will keep mine eye upon thee :

10. That thou be not like unto a horse or mule, which have no understanding ; whose mouths must be holden with rein and bridle, or they will not come near unto thee.

11. Many sorrows remain for the ungodly : but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD, mercy embraceth him on every side.

12. Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the LORD ; and be joyful, all ye who are upright in heart.

PSALM XXXIII.

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous ; for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

2. Praise the LORD with the harp, sing praises unto him with the lute, and an instrument of ten strings.

3. Sing unto him a new song ; sing praises skilfully unto him with an exalted voice.

4. For the words of the LORD are righteous,

righteous, and all his works are faithful.

5. He loveth justice and equity : the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, and all their hosts by the breath of his mouth.

7. He gathered the waters of the sea together, as in a vessel, and laid up the deep as in a treasure-house.

8. Let the whole earth fear the LORD : stand in awe of him, all ye inhabitants of the world.

9. For he spake, and it was made : he commanded, and it stood firm.

10. The LORD frustrateth the counsels of the nations, and disappointeth the designs of the people.

11. The purpose of the LORD shall endure for ever, and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

12. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, and blessed are the people whom he hath chosen for his inheritance.

13. The LORD looketh down from heaven, and beholdeth all the children of men : from the place of his habitation he vieweth all the inhabitants of the earth.

14. He

14. He directeth all their hearts, and considereth all their works.

15. No king is saved by a numerous host ; neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

16. The horse for safety is not to be depended on ; neither can he rescue any man by his great courage.

17. Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, and upon those who place their trust in his mercy ;

18. To guard their lives from death, and to preserve them even in famine.

19. Our souls patiently wait for the LORD ; for he is our help and our shield.

20. Therefore our heart rejoiceth in him ; because we trust in his holy name.

21. Let thy merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us, according as we place our trust in thee.

PSALM XXXIV.

I WILL give thanks unto the LORD at all times ; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2. My soul shall boast in the LORD ; the afflicted shall hear of it, and rejoice.

3. O praise the LORD with me, and let us magnify his name together.

4. I

4. I sought the LORD, and he answered me ; yea, he delivered me from all my fears.

5. Look unto the LORD, and be enlightened, and your faces shall never be ashamed.

6. The afflicted cried, and the LORD heard him ; yea, and saved him out of all his troubles.

7. The angel of the LORD pitcheth his camp round about those who fear him, and delivereth them.

8. O taste, and see, how gracious the LORD is : blessed is the man who trusteth in him.

9. O fear the LORD, ye who are his saints ; for they who fear him want nothing.

10. Young lions may want, and suffer hunger ; but they who seek the LORD shall want no good thing.

11. Come, ye children of men, and hearken unto me ; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12. What man art thou who desirest life, who wishest to see days of prosperity ?

13. Guard well thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from uttering deceit.

14. Depart

14. Depart from evil, and do good ; seek peace, and pursue it.

15. The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers.

16. The countenance of the LORD is set against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17. The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth them, and delivereth them from all their troubles.

18. The LORD is near to the contrite of heart, and saveth those who are of a humble spirit.

19. Many are the troubles of the just ; but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

20. He guardeth all his bones ; so that not one of them shall be broken.

21. But misfortune shall slay the ungodly ; and those who hate the just one, the LORD shall destroy.

22. The LORD delivereth the lives of his servants, and none who place their trust in him shall be destitute.

PSALM XXXVI.

REBELLION lodgeth in the heart of the wicked : the fear of God is not before their eyes.

2. He

2. He even flattereth himself in his own sight, until his abominable sin be found out.

3. The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit; he hath ceased to judge wisely, and to do good.

4. He deviseth mischief upon his bed, he persisteth in a way which is not good: he abhorreth not evil.

5. Thy mercy, O LORD, reacheth unto the heavens, and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

6. Thy righteousness standeth firm like the oldest mountains: thy judgments are a deep abyss.

7. Thou, LORD, preservest both man and beast: how excellent is thy mercy, O God! therefore the children of men place their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8. They shall be satisfied with the abundance of thy house, and thou shalt give them to drink out of the river of thy pleasures.

9. For with thee is the fountain of life, and by thy light we are enlightened.

10. O continue thy loving-kindness unto those who know thee, and thy righteousness unto the upright in heart.

11. Let not the foot of pride approach me,

me, and let not the hand of the wicked disturb me.

12. Lo, the workers of iniquity are fallen ; they are cast down, and are not able to rise.

PSALM XXXVII.

FRET not thyself because of the ungodly ; neither envy thou those who work iniquity.

2. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither like the green herb-age.

3. Place thou thy trust in the LORD, and be doing good ; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and feed securely.

4. Delight thou in the LORD, and he shall grant thee thy heart's desire.

5. Commit thy cause unto the LORD, and place thy trust in him, and he will act for thee.

6. He will make thy righteousness appear as the light, and thy just dealing as the noon-day brightness.

7. Repose thyself on the LORD, and wait patiently for him : fret not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, neither at the man who executeth wicked devices.

8. Forbear from wrath, and avoid anger ; be not angry even with the wicked.

9. For

9. For the wicked shall be rooted out ; but they who rest on the LORD shall inherit the land.

10. Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be no more ; thou shalt look for his place, but he shall not be found.

11. But the meek shall possess the land, and shall be refreshed in the abundance of peace.

12. The ungodly plotteth against the just, and gnasheth at him with his teeth.

13. The LORD shall laugh him to scorn ; for he seeth that his day is coming.

14. The ungodly draw the sword, and bend the bow, to destroy the meek and needy, and to slay the upright.

15. But their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bow shall be broken in pieces.

16. The little that the righteous hath, is better than the great riches of the wicked.

17. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the LORD supporteth the righteous.

18. The LORD watcheth over the days of the godly, and their inheritance shall endure for ever.

19. They shall not be confounded in
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the perilous time, and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20. As for the wicked, and the enemies of the LORD, they shall perish : their honour and exaltation shall consume and vanish like smoke.

21. The wicked borroweth, and repayeth not ; but the righteous is merciful and liberal.

22. They who are blessed of God shall possess the land ; and they who are cursed of him shall be rooted out.

23. The LORD directeth a good man's steps, and maketh his way acceptable to himself.

24. Though he fall, he shall not be cast away ; for the LORD supporteth him with his hand.

25. I have been young, and now am old ; and yet I never saw the righteous forsaken, nor his posterity begging their bread.

26. The righteous is ever liberal, and lendeth ; and his posterity are blessed.

27. Depart from evil, and do good ; so shalt thou long inhabit the land.

28. For the LORD loveth righteousness ; he forsaketh not his saints, but they are preserved for ever.

29. The unrighteous shall be punished: as for the posterity of the ungodly, it shall be rooted out.

30. The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

31. The mouth of the just talketh wisdom, and his tongue speaketh with judgement.

32. The law of the LORD is in his heart; his footsteps never slide.

33. The ungodly watcheth the righteous, and seeketh occasion to slay him.

34. The LORD will not leave him in his power, nor condemn him when he is judged.

35. Trust thou in the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall promote thee to possess the land: when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it.

36. I myself have seen the ungodly in great power, and flourishing like a green cedar.

37. He passed away, and lo, he was gone: I sought him, but he was not to be found.

38. Mark the perfect man, and observe the righteous; for his last end is peace.

39. But the transgressors shall perish together;

together; and the posterity of the ungodly shall be rooted out.

40. The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their strength in the time of trouble.

41. The LORD will help and deliver them from the ungodly, and will save them, because they place their trust in him.

PSALM XXXIX.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I offend not with my tongue.

2. I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle, while the wicked are in my sight.

3. I held my tongue, and spake nothing; I kept silence, yea, even from good words; but it was pain and grief to me.

4. My heart grew hot within me, and while I was thus musing, the fire kindled; and at the last I spake with my tongue.

5. LORD, make me to know mine end, and how short the number of my days, that I may know how frail I am.

6. Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee: verily every man living is altogether vanity.

7. Surely man pursueth a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall inherit them.

8. And now, O LORD, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee.

9. O acquit me from all my transgressions, and suffer me not to be the reproach of the fool.

10. I was dumb, and opened not my mouth; for it was thy doing.

11. Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thy hand.

12. When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

13. Hear my prayer, O LORD, incline thine ear unto my cry; be not regardless of my tears.

14. For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my forefathers were.

15. O spare me, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

PSALM XL.

I WAITED earnestly for the LORD, and he hath listened unto me, and heard my cry

2. He

2. He hath brought me out of the pit of misery, out of the mire and clay, and set my feet upon the rock, and made my goings sure.

3. He hath put a new song into my mouth ; even a thanksgiving unto our God.

4. Many shall see and fear, and shall place their trust in the LORD.

5. Blessed is the man who maketh the LORD his confidence ; and who looketh not unto the proud, or to the favourers of imposture.

6. Very many, O LORD my God, are the wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy kind thoughts concerning us are beyond all estimation.

7. If I would declare them, and speak of them, they are more than I am able to express.

8. Sacrifice and oblation thou desirest not ; but mine ears hast thou opened.

9. Burnt-offerings, and sin-offerings, hast thou not required ; then said I, Lo, I come.

10. In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfill thy will, O my God : I delight to do it ; yea, thy law is within my heart.

11. I

11. I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation ; lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, and that thou knowest.

12. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart ; my talk hath been of thy truth, and of thy salvation.

13. I have not concealed thy loving-mercy and truth from the great congregation.

14. Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O LORD ; let thy loving-kindness and truth always preserve me.

15. For innumerable troubles encompass me ; my afflictions have so overpowered me, that I am not able to look up ; they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart faileth me.

16. Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me ; O LORD, hasten to help me.

17. Let all those be ashamed and confounded together who seek to destroy my life : let those be driven backward, and put to rebuke, who wish me evil.

18. Let those be overwhelmed with sudden shame, who insult me with their tongue.

19. Let all those that seek thee be joyful,

ful, and glad in thee ; and let those who love thy salvation say, The LORD be praised for ever !

20. As for me, I am afflicted and destitute ; but the LORD careth for me.

21. Thou art my helper, and deliverer ; O my God, make no delay.

PSALM XLI.

BLESSED is he who considereth the distressed : the LORD will deliver him in the time of trouble.

2. The LORD will preserve him, and prolong his life ; he will make him happy upon earth, and will not deliver him up to the will of his enemies.

3. The LORD will comfort him when he lieth sick upon his bed ; he will make all his bed in his sickness.

4. I have said, LORD, be merciful unto me : heal me, although I have sinned against thee.

5. Mine enemies speak evil of me : When will he die, and his name perish ?

6. He who cometh to see me speaketh falsehood ; his heart collecteth iniquity ; which when he goeth forth he uttereth.

7. All mine enemies whisper together against me ; and they devise mischief ; *saying,*

8. “ Let

8. "Let the sentence of guiltiness proceed against him; and from the place where he lieth, let him rise up no more."

9. Yea, even mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, who did also eat of my bread, hath betrayed me.

10. But be thou merciful unto me, O LORD: raise thou me up again, that I may requite them.

11. By this I shall know that thou favourest me, if mine enemy doth not triumph over me:

12. If thou supportest me in my integrity, and replacest me in thy presence for ever.

13. Blessed be the LORD the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
Amen.

PSALM XLII.

AS the hart panteth after the streams of water, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2. My soul thirsteth for God, even for the living God: when shall I appear before the presence of God?

3. My tears are my food day and night; while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

4. I pour out my heart when I think upon
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upon those days in which I went with the multitude, and brought them into the house of God ;

5. With the voice of praise and thanksgiving ; with the multitude, which kept a holy-day.

6. Why art thou dejected, O my soul ; and why art thou thus disquieted within me ?

7. Place thy trust in God ; for I will still praise him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

8. Although my soul is dejected within me ; I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and the steep mountains of Hermon.

9. Deep echoeth unto deep at the sound of thy water-falls ; all thy waves and thy billows have passed over me.

10. The LORD hath granted his loving-kindness in the day-time ; and in the night-season I sing of him, and offer my prayer unto the living God.

11. I say unto God, Thou art my rock, why hast thou forgotten me ? why go I thus mourning, because the enemy oppresseth me ?

12. The reproach of mine enemies is a sword in my bones, while they say
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daily unto me, Where is now thy God?

13. Why art thou dejected, O my soul; and why art thou thus disquieted within me?

14. Place thy trust in God; for I will still praise him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM XLIII.

JUDGE me, O God, and defend my cause against an unmerciful people; deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

2. Since thou art the God of my strength, why wilt thou cast me off; and why go I thus mourning, because the enemy oppresseth me?

3. O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may guide me, and conduct me unto thy holy mountain, and to thy tabernacle.

4. Then will I approach the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; and upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.

5. Why art thou dejected, O my soul; and why art thou thus disquieted within me?

6. Place

6. Place thy trust in God ; for I will still praise him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM XLV.

MY heart meditates a pleasant theme ;
I will address unto the king what I am writing.

2. My tongue is as the pen of a ready writer.

3. Thou art fairer than the sons of men ; grace is diffused on thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.

4. Gird on thy sword, O thou mighty prince, thy glory and thine ornament.

5. Ride on prosperously in the cause of truth, of meekness, and righteousness ; and let thy right-hand scatter terrors. Nations shall fall down before thee.

6. Thine arrows are very sharp, they shall pierce the hearts of the king's enemies.

7. God will establish thy throne for ever and ever ; the sceptre of thy kingdom is a sceptre of equity.

8. Thou lovest righteousness, and hastest iniquity : therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy peers.

9. Myrrh,

9. Myrrh, aloes, and cassia, from ivory cabinets, perfume all thy garments, and make thee glad.

10. Kings' daughters are among thy honourable women; at thy right-hand standeth the queen arrayed in gold of Ophir.

11. Hearken, O princess, be attentive, incline thine ear: forget thine own people, and thy father's house:

12. That the king may take pleasure in thy beauty; for he is thy lord, and reverence thou him.

13. So shall the daughter of Tyre offer thee a gift; the rich also among the people shall entreat thy favour.

14. The king's daughter is all glorious in her appearance; her robe is of wrought gold.

15. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needle-work; the virgins her companions shall bear her company, and shall be introduced unto thee.

16. With joy and gladness shall they be brought, and shall enter into the king's palace.

17. The place of thy fathers shall be supplied by sons, whom thou shalt make princes through all the land.

18. I

18. I will render thy name memorable from generation to generation ; so that the people shall celebrate thee, for ever and ever.

PSALM XLVI.

GOD is our hope and our strength ; a very present help in trouble.

2. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea :

3. Though its waters roar, and rage ; and though the mountains quake at its swell.

4. There is a river, the streams of which shall make glad the city of God ; the sacred abode of the Most High.

5. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed ; God shall help her, and that right early.

6. The nations raged ; the kingdoms were in motion ; he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

7. The LORD of hosts is with us ; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8. Come and behold the works of the LORD, what wonders he hath done in the land.

9. He

9. He causeth wars to cease from its boundaries : he breaketh the bow, and snappeth the spear asunder ; he burneth the chariots in the fire.

10. Be still then, and know that I am God ; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

11. The LORD of hosts is with us ; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

PSALM XLVII.

O CLAP your hands, all ye people ; O sing unto God with the voice of triumph.

2. For the LORD most high is to be feared ; he is the great King over all the earth.

3. He hath subdued the heathen under us, and the nations under our feet.

4. He hath chosen an inheritance for us : even the glorious lot of Jacob, whom he loved,

5. Let God be extolled with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the trumpet.

6. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God ; O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

7. For God is King over all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding.

8. God

8. God reigneth over the heathen ; God sitteth upon his holy throne.

9. O ye princes of the nations, join yourselves unto the people of the God of Abraham ; for the possessions of the earth are God's : he is most high.

PSALM XLVIII.

GREAT is the LORD, and highly to be praised ; in the city of our God, even upon his holy mountain.

2. Beautiful for situation, the delight of the whole land, is mount Zion : on the north side is the city of the great King ; God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

3. For lo, when the kings were assembled, and had come over together against her ;

4. They saw, and were amazed ; they were astonished, and hasted away.

5. Trembling came there upon them, and sorrow, like that of a woman in travail.

6. Thou hast dashed to pieces the ships of Tarshish with the east wind.

7. We now see what we have often heard, concerning the city of the LORD of hosts, the city of our God ; God hath established her for ever.

8. We

8. We meditate upon thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

9. As thy name, O God, so shall thy praise be unto the ends of the earth : thy right-hand is full of righteousness.

10. Let mount Zion rejoice, let the cities of Judah be glad, because of thy just judgements.

11. Walk about Zion, and go round her and number her towers.

12. Mark well her bulwarks, count her palaces, that ye may tell to the next generation :

13. This God is our God for ever and ever : he will be our guide even unto death.

PSALM XLIX.

HEAR this, all ye people ; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world :

2. High and low, rich and poor, together.

3. My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall muse of understanding.

4. I will incline mine ear to a parable, and open weighty doctrine upon the harp.

5. Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness, and when the iniquity of those

those who would supplant me compasseth me about ?

6. Of those who confide in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches ;

7. No man can deliver his brother from death, nor give unto God a ransom for him ; or a price for his life ;

8. That he may be spared for ever, and may live always, and never see corruption.

9. For it is evident that wise men die, as well as the ignorant and foolish ; they all perish alike, and leave their riches to others.

10. And yet they think their houses shall continue for ever, their dwellings to all generations ; they call their lands after their own names :

11. But a man in honour without understanding, resembleth the beasts : they are both alike.

12. This is their way and their folly : yet their posterity follow their example.

13. They shall be laid in the grave like sheep : death shall be their shepherd, and have dominion over them :

14. Their honour shall be no more : their beauty shall moulder away : the grave shall be their habitation.

15. But

15. But God will deliver my life from the grave, for he will receive me.

16. Be not thou afraid when any one is made rich ; when the glory of his house is increased :

17. For at his death he shall carry nothing away ; neither shall his pomp follow him.

18. Though in his life he deemed himself happy, and was praised while he was in prosperity ;

19. Yet he must go to the generation of his fathers, and see the light no more.

20. A man in honour without understanding, resembleth the beasts : they are both alike.

PSALM L.

THE LORD, the God of Gods, speaketh, and calleth to the land, from the rising unto the setting of the sun.

2. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God appeareth in brightness.

3. Our God cometh, and will not keep silence : before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest is round about him.

4. He summoneth the heaven from above, and the earth ; that he may plead with his people before them.

5. Let

5. Let his worshipers assemble ; who make a covenant with him by sacrifice ;

6. That the heavens may declare his righteousness ; for God himself is judge.

7. Hear, O my people, and I will speak ; I myself will protest against thee, O Israel ; for I am God, even thy God.

8. I will reprove thee not on account of thy sacrifices ; for thy burnt-offerings are continually before me.

9. I accept of no bullock out of thy stall ; nor he-goat out of thy folds.

10. For all the beasts of the forest are mine ; and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11. I know all fowls upon the mountains ; and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

12. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee ; for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.

13. Shall I eat the flesh of bulls, or 'drink the blood of goats ?

14. Offer unto God the sacrifice of praise ; and perform thy vows unto the Most High.

15. And call upon me in the time of trouble ; and when I deliver thee, glorify thou me.

16. But unto the wicked, God saith,
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How doth it become thee to talk of my statutes, and to take my covenant in thy mouth ;

17. Whereas thou hatest to be reformed ; and hast cast my words behind thee ?

18. If thou seest a thief, thou joinest him ; and thou art a partaker with adulterers.

19. Thou openest thy mouth to speak wickedness ; and with thy tongue thou framest deceit.

20. Thou speakest falsehood against thy brother ; and slanderest thine own mother's son.

21. These things thou doest ; and shall I be silent ? thinkest thou that I am like thyself ? But I will convict thee ; I will set before thee the things which thou hast done.

22. O consider this, ye who forget God ; lest he tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver you.

23. He, whose sacrifice is praise, honoureth me ; and to such I will shew the way of salvation.

PSALM LI.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy great goodness ; according
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ing to the multitude of thy mercies, blot out my transgressions.

2. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

3. For I acknowledge my transgression, and my sin is ever before me.

4. Before thee, before thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight ; so that thou art just in thy sentence, and righteous in thy judgement.

5. Alas ! I was born to wickedness ; and to sin my mother conceived me.

6. But lo, thou requirest truth in the heart, and hast made me to understand the secrets of thy wisdom.

7. Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean ; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8. Make me to hear a message of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9. Turn thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

10. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

11. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12. O give me the comfort of thy help
again,

again, and support me with a cheerful spirit.

13. Then will I teach thy ways unto the wicked, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation ; and my tongue shall celebrate thy mercy.

15. Open thou my lips, O LORD, and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

16. For thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it thee ; but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17. The sacrifice of God is a contrite spirit ; a contrite and broken heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18. O be favourable and gracious unto Zion ; build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations ; then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

PSALM LVI.

BE merciful unto me, O God, for man goeth about to devour me ; he is daily fighting, and troubling me.

2. Mine enemies are daily at hand to swallow

swallow me up : for they are many that fight against me, O thou Most High.

3. Nevertheless, what time I am afraid, I will place my trust in thee.

4. I will praise God, because of his word ; I will trust in God, and will not fear what man can do unto me.

5. They daily pervert my words ; all their design is to do me evil.

6. They meet secretly, and mark my steps, lying in wait for my life.

7. Shall they escape by iniquity ? Thou, O God, in thy displeasure, shalt cast them down.

8. Thou numberest my wanderings : put my tears before thee ; are they not in thy record ?

9. When I call upon thee, let mine enemies be put to flight : by this I shall know that God is on my side.

10. In God's word will I rejoice ; in the LORD's word will I rejoice.

11. In God I will trust ; I will not fear what man can do unto me.

12. Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vows ; unto thee will I give thanks.

13. For thou deliverest my soul from death, and my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

PSALM LVII.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee : under the shadow of thy wings will I take refuge, until these calamities be passed away.

2. I call upon the most high God, upon God who is ever bountiful to me.

3. He sendeth from heaven and saveth me ; he exposeth to shame those who pant for my life.

4. God displayed his mercy and truth ; my life was among lions.

5. And I dwelt among ferocious men, whose teeth were spears and arrows, and their tongues were sharp swords.

6. Exalt thyself, O God, above the heavens, and manifest thy glory over all the earth.

7. They prepared a net for my feet, and a trap for my life ; they had digged a pit before me, and are fallen into it themselves.

8. My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready : I will sing, and give praise.

9. Awake, my glory ; awake, lute and harp ; I myself will awake early.

10. I will give thanks unto thee, O
LORD,

LORD, among the people, and I will sing unto thee among the nations.

11. For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

12. Exalt thyself, O God, above the heavens, and manifest thy glory over all the earth.

PSALM LXI.

HEAR my cry, O God, give ear unto my prayer.

2. From the extremity of the land I call upon thee, while my heart is overwhelmed because mine enemy is exalted above me.

3. Direct me; for thou art my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.

4. I shall dwell in thy tabernacle for ever; and shall repose under the covering of thy wings.

5. For thou, O LORD, wilt hear my vows, and wilt give me for an heritage the people who fear thy name.

6. Thou shalt grant the king a long life, that his years may endure from generation to generation.

7. He shall dwell before God for ever; thy mercy and faithfulness shall preserve him.

8. So will I ever sing praise unto thy name, and daily perform my vows.

PSALM LXII.

MY soul trusteth in God alone, for from him cometh my salvation.

2. He alone is my rock and my salvation ; he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.

3. How long will ye conspire against a man ? ye shall be slain all of you ; yea, as a tottering wall shall ye be, and like a broken fence.

4. Their device is only how to cast him down whom God will exalt ; their delight is in lies ; they give good words with their mouth, but curse with their heart.

5. O my soul, trust thou in God alone ; for all my expectation is from him.

6. He alone is my rock and my salvation ; he is my defence, so that I shall not fall.

7. God is my salvation and my glory ; God is the rock of my strength, and my refuge.

8. Trust in him at all times, ye people ; pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.

9. Men

9. Men of low degree are vanity, and those of high degree are deceit: when put together in the balance, they are lighter than vanity itself.

10. Be not elated with rapine and plunder: if riches increase, set not your hearts upon them.

11. God hath spoken once; yea, twice I have heard it said, that power belongeth unto God:

12. Also, that thou, LORD, art merciful; and that thou wilt render to every man according to his deeds.

PSALM LXIII.

O GOD, thou art my strength; I will seek thee early.

2. My soul thirsteth after thee; my flesh longeth for thee, like a barren and dry land where no water is:

3. Therefore in holiness I look towards thee, that I may behold thy power and glory:

4. For thy loving-kindness is better than life; therefore my lips shall praise thee.

5. As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner, and lift up my hands in thy name.

6. My soul shall be satisfied even as it were with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.

7. I remember thee on my bed, and muse upon thee in the watches of the night.

8. Because thou hast ever been my helper; therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

9. My soul hangeth close upon thee; thy right-hand supporteth me.

10. But they shall be for destruction who seek my life: they shall go down into the lowest parts of the earth.

11. They shall abide in the power of the sword: they shall be a portion for beasts of prey.

12. But the king shall rejoice in God; and every one who sweareth by him shall rejoice; but the mouth of those who utter lies shall be stopped.

PSALM LXV.

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

2. O thou who hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

3. Our

3. Our iniquities have prevailed against us; O be thou merciful unto our sins.

4. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and receivest unto thee, to dwell in thy courts; he shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5. Terribly but justly thou dealest with us, O God of our salvation; thou who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of the remotest seas:

6. Who by thy strength settest fast the mountains, and art girded about with power:

7. Who stillest the raging of the sea, and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the nations.

8. They also who dwell in the remotest parts of the earth stand in awe of thy tokens; thou makest the returns of the morning and evening to praise thee.

9. Thou visitest the earth and waterest it; thou makest it very plenteous.

10. Thou, O God, enrichest it with the river which is full of water: by thus preparing the earth, thou providest for the grain.

11. Thou waterest its furrows, thou breakest down its clods; thou makest it soft

soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

12. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and thy paths drop fatness.

13. They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness, and the hills are begirt with joy.

14. The mountains are clothed with the flocks; the valleys also are covered with corn: they shout and sing for joy.

PSALM LXVI.

O BE joyful in God, all ye lands; sing psalms unto the honour of his name; make his glory the subject of your praise.

2. Say unto God, How awful are thy works! Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

3. For all the world shall worship thee, sing of thee, and praise thy name.

4. O come hither, and behold the works of God; how awful he is in his doing toward the children of men!

5. He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the flood on foot: for this let us rejoice in him.

6. He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people, and such as
are

are rebellious shall not be able to exalt themselves.

7. O praise our God, ye people, and proclaim his praise aloud ;

8. Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip.

9. Thou, O God, hast indeed proved us ; thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

10. Thou broughtest us into a snare, and laidest a heavy load upon our loins.

11. Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads ; we went through fire and water, but thou broughtest us out into a place of refreshment.

12. I will enter thy house with burnt-offerings, and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13. I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with incense : I will offer rams and bullocks and goats.

14. O come hither, and hearken, all ye who fear God, and I will tell you what he hath done for me.

15. I called upon him with my mouth, and gave him praises with my tongue.

16. If I had inclined unto wickedness in my heart, the LORD would not have heard me.

17. But

17. But God did hear me, and considered my supplication.

18. Praised be God, who rejected not my prayer ; nor withdrew his mercy from me.

PSALM LXVII.

[*See the Evening Service, p. 38.*]

PSALM LXVIII.

LET God arise, and his enemies are scattered ; and they who hate him flee before him.

2. As the smoke vanisheth, so thou drivest them away ; and as wax melteth at the fire, so the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

3. But the righteous rejoice before God ; they are glad with exceeding joy.

4. O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his name : prepare the way for him that rideth through the deserts : his name is JEHOVAH, exult ye before him.

5. He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows ; even God in his holy habitation.

6. God restoreth the solitary to their families, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity ; but letteth the rebellious continue in a barren land.

7. O

7. O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness,

8. The earth trembled, and the heavens melted at thy presence, O God: Sinai itself also was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9. Thou, O God, didst send a gracious rain upon thine inheritance, and refreshed it when it was exhausted.

10. Thy reviving presence dwelt among them; thou, O God, didst of thy goodness provide for the poor.

11. The LORD hath given glad tidings concerning a numerous host.

12. "Kings with their armies have fled; have fled; and they who tarried at home divide the spoil."

13. What though ye were placed between hostile banners, the wings of a dove covered with silver, and whose pinions were streaked with gold?

14. When the Almighty dispersed the kings, confusion like snow covered the idol.

15. Ye lofty hills, ye hills of Bashan! ye craggy hills, ye hills of Bashan!

16. Why do ye look with jealousy, ye craggy hills? This is the mountain of

God, in which it pleaseth him to dwell ; yea, the LORD will abide in it for ever.

17. The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands ; the LORD is among them, as in the holy place of Sinai.

18. Thou hast ascended on high ; thou hast led thy prisoners captive ; thou hast received gifts for men, that the Lord might possess the habitation of the rebellious.

19. Praised be the LORD from day to day, even the God of salvation who helpeth us.

20. Our God is the God of salvation ; and to JEHOVAH our own God belong deliverances from death.

21. But God will wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his wickedness.

22. For the LORD hath said, I will bring my people again from Bashan ; mine own will I bring again, as I did once from the deep of the sea ;

23. That thou mayest bathe thy foot in the blood of thine enemies, and that the tongue of thy dogs may be red with it.

24. Behold the processions of God ;
even

even the processions of my God, my King, into his sanctuary.

25. The singers go before, the minstrels follow ; in the midst are the damsels playing with the timbrels and singing.

26. Bless ye the LORD in the congregations, even the LORD, ye descendants of Israel.

27. There is Benjamin, though youngest, their ruler, and the princes of Judah their council : the princes of Zabulon, and the princes of Nephthali.

28. Command thy strength, O God ; establish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us.

29. For thy temple's sake at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30. Rebuke the beast of the reed* ; the congregation of bulls with the calves ; the people of the sea, who humble themselves before fragments of silver ; scatter the people who delight in war.

31. Let the princes come out of Egypt ; let Ethiopia stretch out her hands unto God.

32. Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of

* *i. e.* the Egyptians who worshiped bulls and calves, and idols overlaid with silver.

the earth ; O sing praises unto the LORD ;

33. Who sitteth in the highest heavens from the beginning : lo, he doth send out his voice, yea, and that a mighty voice.

34. Ascribe ye strength unto God : his excellency is over Israel ; his power is in the clouds.

35. O God, the God of Israel, wonderful art thou in thy holy places ; he will give strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

PSALM LXXI.

IN thee, O LORD, I place my trust ; let me never be put to confusion : but rescue me, and deliver me in thy righteousness ; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

2. Be thou my strong hold, whereunto I may alway resort : thou hast promised to help me ; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

3. Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the ungodly, from the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

4. For thou, O LORD God, hast been my hope, and my confidence, even from my youth.

5. By

5. By thee have I been holden up ever since I was born ; thou didst take me out of my mother's womb ; my praise is always concerning thee.

6. I am become a wonder unto many ; but my sure refuge is in thee.

7. O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

8. Cast me not off in the time of mine old age ; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

9. For mine enemies speak against me, and they who lie in wait for my life take counsel together, saying, God hath forsaken him ; pursue him, and take him ; for there is none to deliver him.

10. Be not far from me, O God ; O my God, hasten to help me.

11. May the enemies of my life be confounded and perish ; let those be covered with shame and dishonour who seek to do me evil.

12. As for me, I will continually hope in thee, and will praise thee more and more.

13. My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation ; for I know no end thereof.

14. I

14. I will celebrate thy mighty acts, O LORD God, and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

15. Thou, O God, hast taught me from my earliest youth ; and hitherto I have declared thy wondrous works.

16. Forsake me not, O God, even in old age and gray hairs ; until I have declared thy strength unto posterity, and thy power to future generations.

17. Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, and great are the things which thou hast done ; O God, who is like unto thee ?

18. O what great troubles and adversities hast thou shewed me ! and yet didst thou turn and refresh me ; yea and broughtest me from the depths of the earth again.

19. Thou hast brought me to great honour, and comforted me on every side.

20. Therefore will I praise thee and thy faithfulness, O God, upon instruments of music ; unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou holy one of Israel.

21. My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee ; my soul also, which thou hast delivered.

22. Yea, my tongue shall talk of thy
righteousness

righteousness all the day long; when they are confounded and brought unto shame, who seek to do me evil.

PSALM LXXII.

GIVE the king thy judgements, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

2. Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, and defend the poor.

3. The mountains also shall bring peace, and the hills righteousness unto the people.

4. With righteousness shall he judge the oppressed among the people, defend the children of the needy, and punish the oppressor.

5. They shall reverence thee, from generation to generation, as long as the sun and the moon endure.

6. He shall be like rain on the mown grass; even as the drops that water the earth.

7. In his days shall righteousness flourish; yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

8. His dominion shall extend also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the limits of the land.

9. They

9. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him ; his enemies shall lick the dust.

10. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents ; the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

11. All the kings shall prostrate themselves before him ; all the nations shall serve him.

12. For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth ; the needy also, and him who hath no helper.

13. He shall be favourable to the weak and needy, and shall preserve the lives of the poor.

14. He shall rescue them from falsehood and wrong ; and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

15. He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia ; prayer shall be offered for him continually, and daily shall he be blessed.

16. There shall be abundance of corn in the earth ; it shall wave upon the tops of the hills, like the trees of Lebanon : and the inhabitants of the city shall flourish like the grass of the earth.

17. His name shall endure for ever, his name shall remain as long as the sun :
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all nations shall bless themselves in him, and call him blessed.

18. Blessed be the LORD God, even the God of Israel, who only doeth wonderful things ;

19. And praised be his glorious name for ever ; and may all the earth be filled with his glory ! Amen and Amen.

PSALM LXXIII.

TRULY God is good unto Israel ; even unto such as are of a pure heart.

2. Nevertheless, my feet had almost failed ; my steps had well nigh slipped.

3. For I was envious at the wicked, when I saw the prosperity of ungodly men.

4. For no distresses happen to them : firm and entire is their strength.

5. They are not in trouble as others ; neither are they afflicted like the rest of mankind.

6. Therefore pride hangeth upon them like a chain, and violence clothes them like a robe.

7. Their iniquity proceeds from their prosperity, and they are wicked beyond all thought.

8. They are corrupt, and speak of wickedness :

wickedness : they talk injuriously against the Most High.

9. They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue goeth through the earth.

10. And they say, How should God perceive it? Is there any knowledge in the Most High?

11. Lo, these are the ungodly ; these prosper in the world, and these have riches in possession.

12. And I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency ;

13. Since I am afflicted all day long, and chastened every morning.

14. Should I say, I will reason like them ; lo, then I should have condemned the generation of thy children.

15. Then thought I to understand this ; but it was too hard for me.

16. Until I went into the sanctuary of God ; then understood I the end of these men.

17. Surely thou dost set them in slippery places, to cast them down, and destroy them.

18. Oh, how suddenly do they fall into desolation ! and come to a fearful end !

19. Like

19. Like to a dream after one awaketh ;
so, O LORD, thou makest contemptible
their foolish vain show.

20. Thus my heart was grieved, and I
was troubled through my reins.

21. So foolish was I and ignorant ;
even as it were a beast before thee.

22. Nevertheless, I am ever under thy
care ; thou hast holden me by my right-
hand.

23. Thou shalt guide me by thy coun-
sel, and after that receive me to glory.

24. Whom have I in heaven but thee ?
and there is none upon earth whom I de-
sire in comparison of thee.

25. My flesh and my heart fail ; but
God is the strength of my heart, and my
portion for ever.

26. For lo, they that forsake thee shall
perish ; thou shalt destroy all those who
are unfaithful to thee.

27. But it is good for me to adhere to
God : I have put my trust in thee, O
LORD, that I may declare all thy works.

PSALM LXXIV.

O GOD, wherefore art thou absent
from us so long ? why doth thy wrath
smoke against the sheep of thy pasture ?

2. O

2. O think upon thy congregation, which thou hast purchased, and redeemed of old.

3. Think upon the tribe of thine inheritance, and mount Zion, whereon thou hast dwelt.

4. Turn thy steps unto the total desolations; suppress the evil of the enemy in the sanctuary.

5. Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy temple; they set up their ensigns as tokens of victory.

6. And now, as men with uplifted axes fell the trees in a thick wood,

7. They have cut and knocked down all the carved work of it with axes and hammers.

8. They have set fire to thy sanctuary itself, and have profaned the dwelling-place of thy name, rasing it even unto the ground.

9. Yea, they have said in their hearts, Let us make havock of them altogether: thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land.

10. We see not our sacred tokens: there is not one prophet left; there is not one among us, that knoweth how long this shall endure.

11. O

11. O God, how long shall the adversary do this dishonour? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

12. Why dost thou return back thy hand? why pluckest thou not thy right-hand out of thy bosom to consume the enemy?

13. God was formerly our king; working deliverance in the land.

14. Thou didst divide the sea through thy power; thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

15. Thou smotest the head of the Leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be food for the people in the wilderness.

16. Thou madest fountains and torrents to burst forth; thou driedst up mighty waters.

17. The day is thine, and the night is thine; thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

18. Thou hast fixed all the boundaries of the earth; thou hast settled summer and winter.

19. Remember, O LORD, how the enemy hath reproached thy works; and how foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

20. O deliver not thy turtle-dove unto the
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the bird of prey, and forget not thine oppressed people for ever.

21. Have regard to thy covenant ; for all the habitations of the land are full of darkness and cruelty.

22. O let not the oppressed go away ashamed ; but let the afflicted and needy give praise unto thy name.

23. Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause ; remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily.

24. Forget not the voice of thine enemies ; for the presumption of those who hate thee increaseth more and more.

PSALM LXXV.

WE praise thee, O God, we praise thee ; we call upon thy name, and declare thy works.

2. When the time appointed cometh, I will execute righteous judgement.

3. The land was shaken, and all the inhabitants of it : but I will strengthen the pillars of it.

4. I said unto the insolent boasters, Deal not so madly : and to the ungodly, Lift not up your horn.

5. Lift not up your horn on high, and speak not with a stiff neck :

6. For

6. For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

7. But God himself is judge ; he humbleth one, and exalteth another.

8. For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is turbid ; he hath mixed it full, and poureth out of it.

9. Surely he will wring out the dregs thereof, and all the wicked of the earth shall drink them.

10. But I will exult in the LORD for ever ; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

11. All the horns of the wicked I will break, but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM LXXVI.

IN Judah God is known ; his name is great in Israel.

2. In Salem is his tabernacle, and his dwelling-place in Zion.

3. There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, the sword, and the battle.

4. Thou, O mount Zion, art more glorious and excellent than the hills of the robbers.

5. The stout-hearted are spoiled ; they have

have slept their sleep, and none of the mighty men could use their hands.

6. At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the rider and the horse are fallen into a dead sleep

7. Thou, even thou, art to be feared ; and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry ?

8. Thou didst cause thy sentence to be heard from heaven ; the earth trembled, and was still ;

9. When God arose to judgement, to save the oppressed in the land.

10. Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee : the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

11. Vow, and pay your vows unto the LORD your God ; let all who are round about him bring presents unto him, who ought to be feared.

12. He controlleth the spirit of princes ; he is terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM LXXVII.

I CRY unto God ; I cry aloud ; even unto God do I cry, that he may hearken unto me.

2. In the time of my trouble I seek the
LORD ;

LORD ; his hand striketh me in the night-season, and ceaseth not :

3. I call God to mind, and am disquieted : when I reflect, my mind is overwhelmed.

4. Thou holdest mine eyes waking ; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

5. I consider the days of old, I call to remembrance the years that are past.

6. I meditate in the night in my heart, I complain, and my spirit thus inquireth :

7. "Will the LORD cast me off for ever? and will he be no more favourable?"

8. "Is his mercy gone for ever? and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?"

9. "Hath God forgotten to be gracious? and hath he shut up his loving-kindness in displeasure?"

10. And I said in my dejection, This change is from the right-hand of the Most High.

11. I will remember the works of the LORD, and call to mind thy wonders of old time.

12. I will meditate on all thy works, and will talk of thy deeds.

13. Thy way, O God, is holy ; what God is so great as our God?

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14. Thou

14. Thou art the God who doest wonders ; thou hast manifested thy power among the nations.

15. Thou hast mightily delivered thy people ; even the posterity of Jacob and Joseph.

16. The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee, and were afraid ; the depths themselves were troubled.

17. The clouds poured out water, the skies thundered, and thine arrows flew abroad.

18. The voice of thy thunder was heard in the whirlwind, thy lightnings shone over the world, the earth trembled and shook.

19. Thy way is in the sea, and thy paths in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

20. Thou leddest thy people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM LXXVIII.

LISTEN, O my people, to mine admonition ; give ear unto the words of my mouth.

2. I will open my mouth in a parable, I will declare weighty truths of old time,

3. Which we have heard and known,
and

and which our fathers have related to us.

4. We will not conceal them from their children ; but will publish to the generations to come, the honour of the LORD, and the mighty and wonderful works which he hath done.

5. He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a law, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children ;

6. That their posterity might know it, and the children which were yet unborn :

7. To the intent that, when they grew up, they might shew their children the same ;

8. That they might put their trust in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments ;

9. And not be, like their forefathers, a faithless and stubborn generation ; a generation whose hearts were not upright, and whose spirit was not stedfast toward God.

10. The children of Ephraim, although armed and skilled to shoot with the bow, turned their backs in the day of battle.

11. They kept not the covenant of
M 2 God,

God, and refused to walk according to his law ;

12. They forgot what he had done, and the wonders which he had shewn them ;

13. The miracles which he had wrought among their forefathers, in the land of Egypt ; in the plain of Zoan.

14. He divided the sea, to let them pass through ; he made the waters to stand up in a heap.

15. By day he conducted them by a cloud, and all the night by a light of fire.

16. He clave the hard rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink, as from the great deep.

17. He brought streams out of the rock, so that they gushed out like rivers.

18. Yet still they sinned against him, and provoked the Most High in the wilderness.

19. They tempted God in their hearts, and required meat for their appetites.

20. They spake against God also, and said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness ?

21. "He smote the rock, and behold the water gushed out, and the streams flowed :
but

but can he give bread also ; can he provide flesh for his people ?”

22. When the LORD heard this, he was wroth ; so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and displeasure rose high against Israel ;

23. Because they believed not in God, and placed not their trust in his saving power.

24. Yet he commanded the clouds above, and opened the doors of heaven.

25. He showered down manna also upon them to eat, and gave them bread from heaven.

26. Every one ate delicious food : he sent them provision in plenty.

27. He caused the east-wind to cease to blow in the heavens, and he brought in the south-wind, in its force.

28. He rained flesh upon them as dust, and feathered fowls as the sand of the sea.

29. He made them fall in the midst of their camp, even round about their habitation.

30. So they did eat, and were filled ; for he gave them their desire.

31. But they ceased not from their gluttonous craving, and the meat was yet
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in their mouths, when the wrath of God fell upon them, and slew their chiefs; yea, and smote down the chosen men of Israel.

32. Notwithstanding all this they sinned still more, and believed not his wondrous works.

33. Therefore he consumed their days in vanity, and their years in trouble.

34. When he smote them, then they sought him, and returned, and inquired diligently after God.

35. And they remembered that God was their strength, and that the most high God was their deliverer.

36. But still, they only flattered him with their mouths, and dissembled with their tongues.

37. For their hearts were not sincere with him, neither continued they steadfast in his covenant.

38. Yet he, being merciful, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not.

39. Yea, often turned he his wrath away, and would not suffer his whole displeasure to arise.

40. For he remembered that they were but flesh, a breath that passeth away, and cometh not again.

41. How

41. How often did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert !

42. Again and again they tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

43. They thought not of his hand, and of the day when he delivered them from their enemies :

44. What miracles he had wrought in Egypt ; what wonders in the plain of Zoan.

45. When he turned their rivers into blood, so that they could not drink of the streams :

46. When he sent beetles among them to devour them, and frogs to infest them :

47. When he gave their fruit to the caterpillar, and their labour to the locust :

48. When he destroyed their vines with hailstones, and their mulberry trees with the frost :

49. When he gave up their cattle also to hailstones, and their flocks to flashes of lightning :

50. When he cast upon them the fury of his wrath, anger, displeasure, and trouble, and sent ministers of evil among them :

51. When

51. When he made a way for his indignation, and spared not their persons from death; but gave their life over to the pestilence:

52. And smote all the first-born in Egypt; the prime of their strength in the dwellings of Ham.

53. But as for his own people, he led them forth like sheep, and conducted them in the wilderness like a flock.

54. He brought them out safely, that they should not fear, and overwhelmed their enemies with the sea:

55. And brought them to his own hallowed land; even to the mountain which his right-hand had acquired.

56. And he drove out the nations before them, dividing their land among them for an inheritance, and making the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

57. Yet they tempted and displeased the most high God, and kept not his testimonies;

58. They turned back, and proved false like their forefathers; starting aside like a deceitful bow.

59. They provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

60. God

60. God heard this, and was highly incensed, and rejected Israel with great disdain.

61. He forsook the tabernacle in Shiloh; even the tent of his abode among men.

62. He delivered the symbol of his power into captivity, and his glory into the hands of his enemies.

63. He gave his people over also to the sword, and was wroth with his inheritance.

64. The fire consumed their choicest young men, and their maidens were not given in marriage.

65. Their priests fell by the sword, and there were no widows to make lamentation.

66. But the LORD awaked as one out of sleep, and like a giant refreshed with wine.

67. He smote his enemies backwards, and covered them with everlasting disgrace.

68. Thus he rejected the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

69. But he chose the tribe of Judah, even the mountain of Zion, which he loveth.

70. And there he built his sanctuary on high, and laid the foundation of it like the earth, which he hath established for ever.

71. He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheep-folds.

72. From tending the suckling ewes he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

73. And he fed them with an upright heart, and conducted them with a prudent hand.

PSALM LXXX.

O SHEPHERD of Israel, give ear, who leadeſt the houſe of Joſeph like a flock ; ſhine forth, thou who dwelleſt between the cherubim, upon the children of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manaſſes :

2. O, raiſe up thy mighty power, and come for ſalvation to us.

3. Reſtore us, O God ; let thy countenance ſhine upon us, and we ſhall be ſaved.

4. O LORD God of hoſts, how long wilt thou be angry with thy ſupplicating people ?

5. Thou feedeſt them with the bread of tears, and giv'eſt them plenteouſneſs of tears to drink.

6. Thou

6. Thou hast set us at strife with our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7. Restore us, O God of hosts ; let thy countenance shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

8. Thou didst bring a vine out of Egypt ; thou didst cast out the nations, and plant it.

9. Thou madest room for it ; and when it had taken root, it filled the land.

10. The mountains were covered with its shadow, and the lofty cedars with its boughs.

11. It spread its branches to the sea, and its shoots unto the river.

12. Why hast thou now broken down its hedge, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes ?

13. The bear out of the forest doth root it up, and the wild beasts of the field devour it.

14. O God of hosts, return, we beseech thee ; look down from heaven ; behold and visit this vine.

15. For the plant which thy right-hand planted, and the branch which thou causedst to grow for thyself,

16. Is burned with fire, and cut down ;
it

it perishes at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17. Protect the man of thy right-hand, even the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thyself.

18. Then will we not revolt from thee : O let us live, and we will call upon thy name.

19. Restore us again, O LORD God of hosts ; let thy countenance shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

PSALM LXXXI.

SING aloud unto God our strength ;
exalt your voices unto the God of Jacob.

2. Raise the psalm, strike the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the lute.

3. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, even at the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day.

4. For this was made a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

5. This he gave to Joseph for a testimony, when he came out of the land of Egypt, where he had heard a strange language.

6. I eased his shoulder of the burden,
and

and his hands were delivered from making bricks.

7. Thou calledst upon me in distress, and I delivered thee ; I answered thee by restraining the thunder.

8. I proved thee also at the waters of Meribah.

9. Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee : O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me ;

10. Let no strange god be in thee ; neither do thou worship any strange god.

11. I, the LORD, am thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt ; open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

12. But my people would not hear my voice, and Israel would not obey me.

13. So I gave them up unto their own obstinacy, and let them walk in their own counsels.

14. O that my people had listened unto me ; that Israel had walked in my ways !

15. I would soon have humbled their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

16. The haters of the LORD should have submitted to them ; and I would have been with them for ever.

17. I would have fed them with the
finest

finest wheat, and would have satisfied them with honey out of the rock.

PSALM LXXXII.

GOD standeth in the assemblies of the judges : he giveth judgement among the gods.

2. How long will ye judge unjustly ; and respect the persons of the wicked ?

3. Defend the poor and fatherless ; do justice to the oppressed and the destitute.

4. Deliver the outcast and poor ; protect them from the hand of the wicked.

5. They do not know ; they will not understand ; they walk in darkness ; all the foundations of the land are shaken.

6. I have said, Ye are gods, and ye are all the sons of the Most High.

7. But ye shall die like common men, and fall like one of the people.

8. Arise, O God, and judge the earth ; for all the nations are thine inheritance.

PSALM LXXXIV.

HOW amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts !

2. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD : my heart and my flesh cry aloud for the living God.

3. The

3. The sparrow findeth a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young ; even by thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

4. Blessed are they who dwell in thy house, and are continually praising thee.

5. Blessed are they whose strength is in thee ; who delight in the way to *thy sanctuary* :

6. To whom, as they pass through it, the valley of Baca appears abounding in springs, and refreshed by the autumnal rain.

7. They travel from strength to strength, until they appear before God in Zion.

8. O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer ; hearken, O God of Jacob.

9. O God our defender, behold and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10. For one day spent in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

11. I would rather live at the threshold of the house of my God, than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12. For the LORD God is a sun and shield ; the LORD giveth grace and glory, and no good thing will he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

13. O

13. O LORD God of hosts, blessed is the man who trusteth in thee.

PSALM LXXXV.

LORD, thou hast heretofore been favourable unto thy land ; thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

2. Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, and covered all their sins.

3. Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, and hast abated thy wrathful indignation.

4. Restore us now, O God our Saviour, and let thine anger cease from us.

5. Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever, and wilt thou continue thy wrath from generation to generation ?

6. Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee ?

7. Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.

8. I will hear what the LORD God will say ; for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, if they return no more to folly.

9. Truly his saving power is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

10. Mercy and truth shall meet together ;

ther ; righteousness and peace shall embrace each other.

11. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

12. For the LORD shall shew favour to us, and our land shall yield her increase.

13. Righteousness shall go before every one, and shall direct his steps in the way.

PSALM LXXXVI.

INCLINE thine ear, O LORD, and hear me ; for I am poor and in misery.

2. Preserve thou my life, for thou art gracious : my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

3. Be merciful unto me, O LORD ; for I call daily upon thee.

4. Comfort the soul of thy servant ; for unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

5. For thou, O LORD, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all those who call upon thee.

6. Give ear, LORD, unto my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplication.

7. In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee ; for thou hearest me.

8. Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O LORD ; there is not one that can do as thou doest.

9. All

9. All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O LORD, and shall glorify thy name.

10. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things ; thou art God alone.

11. Teach me thy way, O LORD, and I will walk in thy truth ; O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy name.

12. I will praise thee, O LORD my God, with my whole heart, and will glorify thy name for ever.

13. For great is thy mercy toward me, and thou hast delivered my soul from the grave beneath.

14. O God, the proud are risen up against me, and an assembly of violent men seek after my life, and have not set thee before them.

15. But thou, O LORD God, art full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

16. Look towards me, and have mercy upon me, give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thy handmaid.

17. Shew me some token for good, that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed ; because thou, O LORD, dost help and comfort me.

PSALM LXXXVIII.

O LORD God of my salvation, I cry day and night before thee ; O let my prayer enter into thy presence, incline thine ear unto my cry.

2. For my soul is full of trouble, and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

3. I am counted with those who are descending into the pit, and I am even as one who hath no strength ;

4. Cut off from all intercourse with the living, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more, and who are deprived of thy protection.

5. Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit ; in the place of darkness, and in the shadow of death.

6. Thine indignation presseth hard upon me, and thou hast overwhelmed me with all thy waves.

7. Thou hast removed mine acquaintance far from me, thou hast made me an abomination to them.

8. I am so closely confined that I cannot escape.

9. My sight faileth for very trouble : LORD, I call daily upon thee, I stretch forth my hands unto thee.

10. Wilt

10. Wilt thou perform wonders for the dead? Shall the deceased arise and praise thee?

11. Shall thy loving-kindness be recounted in the grave; or thy faithfulness in destruction?

12. Shall thy wondrous works be known in the region of darkness; and thy righteousness in the land where all things are forgotten?

13. Unto thee, O LORD, I cry aloud, and early in the morning my prayer cometh before thee.

14. LORD, why desertest thou me? why hidest thou thy countenance from me?

15. I have been afflicted and languishing from my youth: thy terrors have I suffered with a troubled mind.

16. Thy fierce wrath hath overwhelmed me, and thy terrors have destroyed me.

17. They have surrounded me daily like water, and encompassed me on every side.

18. My lovers and friends hast thou removed from me, and mine acquaintance thou keepest out of my sight.

PSALM LXXXIX.

I WILL sing of the loving-kindness of the LORD for ever; with my mouth will

will I declare thy truth from generation to generation.

2. For thou hast said, Mercy shall endure for ever; thy truth hast thou established in the heavens:

3. I have made a covenant with my chosen; I have sworn unto David, my servant:

4. Thy seed will I establish for ever, and I will support thy throne from generation to generation.

5. O LORD, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works; the saints also thy faithfulness in the congregation.

6. For who in the heavens shall be compared unto the LORD?

7. And who among the gods is like unto the LORD?

8. God is very greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence by all those who are about him.

9. O LORD God of hosts, who is so powerful as thou? and of those around thee, whose truth is like thine?

10. Thou rulest the raging of the sea; thou restrainest its rising waves.

11. Thou breakest the haughty like a hollow

hollow reed ; thou crushest thine enemies with thy mighty arm.

12. The heavens are thine ; the earth also is thine ; the world, and all that is therein ; thou hast founded them.

13. Thou hast made the north and the south ; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in thy name.

14. Thou hast a mighty arm ; strong is thy hand, and exalted is thy right-hand.

15. Justice and judgement are the foundation of thy throne ; mercy and truth go before thy face.

16. Blessed is the people who know the joyful sound ; they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

17. Their delight shall be daily in thy name, and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.

18. When thou wert the glory of our strength, and through thy favour our horn was exalted :

19. When the LORD was our defence ; and the Holy One of Israel our King.

20. Then thou spakest in the sight of thy saints, and saidst, I have placed your help upon a man of valour, I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

21. I

21. I have found out my servant David ; with my holy oil have I anointed him.

22. My hand shall establish him, and my arm shall strengthen him.

23. The enemy shall not be able to do him violence ; the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.

24. I will beat down his foes before his face, and I will smite those who hate him.

25. My truth also and my mercy shall be with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

26. His left-hand I will extend to the sea, and his right-hand to the rivers.

27. He shall call upon me, Thou art my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

28. And I will make him my first-born ; the highest of the kings of the earth.

29. I will preserve my mercy for him for ever, and my covenant with him shall be unchangeable.

30. His seed also will I establish for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

31. But if his children forsake my law, and cease to walk by my ordinances :

32. If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments ; I will visit their offences

offences with the rod, and their iniquity with scourges.

33. Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my truth to fail.

34. My covenant will I not break, nor will I violate the promise that issued from my lips ; I have sworn this one thing by my holiness, that I will not prove false to David.

35. His posterity shall endure for ever, and his throne shall be like the sun before me.

36. It shall stand fast for ever like the moon, like the faithful witness in the sky.

37. Yet thou hast rejected and forsaken thine anointed, and art displeased at him.

38. Thou hast made void the covenant with thy servant, and profaned his diadem by casting it to the ground.

39. Thou hast overthrown all his fences, and broken down his strong holds.

40. All those who pass along plunder him, and he is become a reproach among his neighbours.

41. Thou hast exalted the right-hand of his enemies, and made all his adversaries to rejoice.

42. Thou

42. Thou hast even blunted the edge of his sword, and givest him not victory in the battle.

43. Thou hast put an end to his glory, and cast his throne down to the ground.

44. The days of his youth hast thou shortened, and covered him with dishonour.

45. How long, O LORD, wilt thou withdraw thyself? shall thy wrath burn like fire for ever?

46. O remember how short my time is : what an empty show hast thou made all men !

47. What man shall live and not see death? who shall rescue his life from the power of the grave?

48. Where, O LORD, are thy former mercies, which thou didst promise unto David with an oath?

49. Remember, O LORD, the reproach cast upon thy servant, how I bear in my bosom the taunts of many people ;

50. Of thine enemies, O LORD, who reproach, who reproach the conduct of thine anointed.

PSALM XC.

LORD, thou hast been our refuge, from generation to generation.

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2. Before

2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art, O God.

3. Thou reducest mortal man to dust, and sayest, Return, ye sons of Adam.

4. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch of the night.

5. Thou overwelimest them ; they pass away like a sleep. They are like grass which springeth up in the morning.

6. In the morning it flourisheth and springeth up ; before the evening, it is cut down, and withered.

7. For thus we are consumed by thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

8. Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

9. For all our days are passing away ; we are consumed by thine anger : our years are like a vapour.

10. The days of our age are three-score years and ten ; and if by reason of strength they come to four-score years, yet is their boasted strength but labour
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and sorrow ; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

11. But who regardeth the power of thy wrath, or the terribleness of thy displeasure ?

12. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

13. Return unto us, O LORD, at the last, and be gracious unto thy servants.

14. O satisfy us speedily with thy mercy ; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15. Comfort us again, according to the time that thou hast afflicted us, and according to the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

16. Shew thy servants thy work, and their children thy glory.

17. And let the gracious countenance of the LORD our God be upon us ; O prosper thou the work of our hands.

PSALM XCI.

HE that dwelleth under the covert of the Most High, and reposeth himself under the shadow of the Almighty ;

2. He may say unto the LORD, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold ; my God, in whom I trust.

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3. Surely

3. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4. He will cover thee with his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers ; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5. Thou shalt not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flieth by day :

6. Of the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor of the destruction that wasteth at noon-day.

7. A thousand shall fall by thy side, and ten thousand at thy right-hand : but harm shall not approach to thee.

8. Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold the vanity, and see the recompense, of the wicked.

9. Because, thou hast said, The LORD is my refuge, and hast made the Most High thy shelter ;

10. No evil shall happen unto thee, neither shall any plague come near thy dwelling.

11. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to guard thee in all thy ways.

12. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou shouldst dash thy foot against a stone.

13. Thou

13. Thou shalt tread upon the asp and the adder ; the serpent and the dragon shalt thou trample under thy feet.

14. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him ; I will support him because he acknowledgeth my name.

15. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him ; yea, I will be with him in trouble ; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

16. With length of days will I satisfy him, and I will manifest to him my saving power.

PSALM XCII.

IT is good to give thanks unto the **LORD**, and to sing praises unto thy name, **O** Most High !

2. To celebrate thy loving-kindness early in the morning, and thy truth in the night-season ;

3. Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute ; upon a melodious instrument, and upon the harp.

4. For thou, **LORD**, delightest me through thy works ; and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

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5. O LORD, how glorious are thy works; how deep are thy designs!

6. A brutish man observeth not; neither doth a fool understand this:

7. That when the wicked spring up as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity prosper, it is that they may be destroyed for ever: but thou, LORD, art for ever exalted.

8. For lo, thine enemies, O LORD, lo, thine enemies perish, and all the workers of wickedness are scattered.

9. But my horn dost thou exalt like that of the unicorn: and I am anointed with fresh oil.

10. For mine eye shall look down on mine enemies, and mine ear shall hear the downfall of the wicked who rise who rise up against me.

11. The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree, and shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

12. Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

13. They shall continue to bear fruit even in old age, and shall be full of sap, and flourishing;

14. That they may shew how true the
LORD

LORD my strength is, and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

PSALM XCIII.

THE LORD reigneth : he is clothed with majesty : the LORD is clothed with strength : he hath girded himself with power.

2. He hath so established the world, that it can never be removed.

3. Thy throne was established before all time : thou art from all eternity.

4. The floods lift up, O LORD, the floods lift up their voice, the floods lift up their waves.

5. But the LORD on high is mightier than the voices of many waters ; than the mighty billows of the sea.

6. Thy promises, O LORD, are very sure ; holiness becometh thine house for ever.

PSALM XCV.

[*See the Morning Service, p. 6.*]

PSALM XCVI.

O SING unto the LORD a new song ;
sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.

2. Sing

2. Sing unto the LORD and praise his name ; declare from day to day his saving power.

3. Declare his honour among the nations, his wonders among all people.

4. For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised ; he is more to be feared than all gods.

5. For all the gods of the nations are idols ; but the LORD made the heavens.

6. Glory and majesty are before him ; power and honour are in his sanctuary.

7. Ascribe unto the LORD, O ye families of the people, ascribe unto the LORD glory and power.

8. Ascribe unto the LORD the honour due unto his name ; bring an oblation and come into his courts.

9. O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness ; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

10. Proclaim among the nations, that the LORD is King, and that it is he who hath established the world so that it cannot be moved, and that he shall judge the nations righteously.

11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad ; let the sea resound, and the fullness thereof.

12. Let

12. Let the field and all that is in it be joyful; let all the trees of the forest rejoice before the LORD.

13. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; with righteousness he will judge the world, and the nations according to his truth.

PSALM XCVII.

THE LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad thereof.

2. Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and judgement are the foundation of his throne.

3. Fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies on every side.

4. His lightnings shine through the world; the earth beholdeth and trembleth.

5. The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the ruler of the whole earth.

6. The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all nations behold his glory.

7. Confounded are they who worship carved images, and who glory in their vain idols: worship him, all ye gods.

8. Zion hath heard, and rejoiced; and
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the daughters of Judah are glad ; because of these thy judgements, O LORD.

9. For thou, LORD, art supreme over all the earth : thou art exalted far above all gods.

10. The LORD loveth those who hate evil : the LORD preserveth the lives of his saints, and delivereth them from the hand of the wicked.

11. Light springeth up for the righteous, and gladness for the upright of heart.

12. Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous ; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

PSALM XCVIII.

[*See the Evening Service, p. 37.*]

PSALM XCIX.

THE LORD reigneth ; let the nations tremble : he sitteth between the cherubim ; let the earth quake.

2. The LORD is great in Zion, he is exalted above all people.

3. Let them celebrate thy name, which is great, venerable, and holy.

4. For thou, O mighty King, who lovest justice, dost establish equity ; thou hast

hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

5. O magnify the LORD our God, and fall prostrate before his footstool; for he is holy.

6. Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name: these called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7. He spake unto them from a pillar of cloud; for they observed his testimonies, and the law which he gave them.

8. Thou heardest them, O LORD our God; thou forgavest them, O God, though thou punishedst their impieties.

9. O magnify the LORD our God, and worship him upon his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

PSALM C.

[*See the Morning Service, p. 7.*]

PSALM CII.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD; and let my cry come unto thee.

2. Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble; incline thine ear unto me when I call; and answer me speedily.

3. For

3. For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burnt up like a fire-brand.

4. My heart is blighted like withered grass ; since I have forgotten to eat my bread.

5. From my sighing, my bones cleave to my skin.

6. I am become like a pelican in the wilderness, and like a bird of prey in the desert.

7. I watch ; and am like a bird of the night, that sitteth alone upon the house-top.

8. Mine enemies revile me all the day long ; and they that are furious with me are sworn together against me.

9. Surely I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with tears ;

10. Because of thine indignation and wrath : for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

11. My days are like a declining shadow, and I am withered like grass.

12. But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever, and thy remembrance throughout all generations.

13. Thou wilt arise, thou wilt yet have mercy upon Zion ; when it is time to have

have mercy upon her ; yea, when the appointed time is come.

14. Thy servants take pleasure in her ruins, and have an affection for her dust.

15. Then shall the nations fear thy name, O LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory ;

16. When the LORD shall build up Zion, and when his glory shall appear ;

17. When he shall have regard to the prayer of the destitute, and no more despise their supplication.

18. This shall be written for those that come after, and future generations shall praise the LORD.

19. For he hath looked down from his sanctuary on high ; from the heavens did the LORD behold the earth ;

20. That he might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity, and release those who were doomed to death.

21. That they might proclaim the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem ;

22. When the people shall be assembled together, and the kingdoms also, to serve the LORD.

23. He weakened my strength by the way, and shortened my days.

24. But

24. But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age ; thy years endure throughout all generations.

25. Thou, LORD, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth ; and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26. They may perish, but thou shalt endure ; they all may wax old like a garment.

27. As a vesture mayest thou change them, and they shall be changed ; but thou art ever the same, and thy years shall never come to an end.

28. Let therefore the children of thy servants be preserved ; and let their posterity be established in thy presence.

PSALM CIII.

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul ; and all that is within me, praise his holy name.

2. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits ;

3. Who forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thine infirmities ;

4. Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness ;

5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things ;

things ; so that thy youth is renewed like that of an eagle.

6. The LORD executeth righteousness and judgement for all who are oppressed.

7. He shewed his ways unto Moses ; his works unto the children of Israel.

8. The LORD is full of compassion and mercy ; long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9. He will not alway contend ; neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11. For as the heavens are high above the earth ; so high is his mercy also over them that fear him.

12. As far distant also as the east is from the west ; so far doth he remove our sins from us.

13. Like as a father pitieth his own children ; even so is the LORD tenderly compassionate towards them that fear him.

14. For he knoweth well our frame ; he remembereth that we are but dust.

15. As for man, his days are as grass ; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

16. For the wind passeth over it, and it
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is gone ; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17. But the merciful goodness of the LORD endureth for ever and ever upon those who fear him ; and his righteousness upon children's children ;

18. Even upon such as keep his covenant, and think upon his commandments to do them.

19. The LORD hath prepared his throne in heaven ; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20. O praise the LORD, ye angels of his ; ye who excell in strength ; ye who fulfill his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

21. O praise the LORD, all ye his hosts ; ye servants of his that execute his pleasure.

22. O praise the LORD, all ye his works, in all places of his dominion : praise thou the LORD, O my soul.

PSALM CIV.

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul ; O LORD my God, thou art become exceedingly glorious ; thou art clothed with majesty and honour :

2. Thou arrayest thyself with light as with a garment, and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

3. Thou

3. Thou layest the beams of thy chambers in the waters ; thou makest the clouds thy chariot, and walkest upon the wings of the wind.

4. Thou makest the winds thy messengers, and the lightnings thy ministers.

5. Thou hast fixed the earth upon its foundation, that it never should move from its place.

6. Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment : the waters stood above the mountains.

7. At thy rebuke they fled ; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

8. They ascended the mountains ; they descended to the valleys ; to the place which thou hadst appointed for them.

9. Thou didst set them their bounds, which they were not to pass ; nor return to cover the earth.

10. Thou sendest the springs into the valleys, which run between the mountains.

11. All beasts of the field drink thereof ; and the wild asses quench their thirst.

12. Near to them the fowls of the air have their habitation, and sing among the branches.

13. Thou waterest the hills from above ;
that

that the earth may be filled with the fruits of thy works.

14. Thou makest the grass to grow for the cattle, and the green herb for the service of men.

15. Thou bringest food out of the earth, and wine which cheereth the heart and enliveneth the countenance of man, and bread which sustaineth his strength.

16. The lofty trees also are satisfied ; even the cedars of Lebanon which he planted ;

17. In which the birds make their nests : the fir-trees are the dwelling of the stork.

18. The steep hills are a refuge for the wild goats, and craggy rocks for the mountain-mouse.

19. Thou didst appoint the moon for stated seasons, and the sun, which knoweth the time of his going down.

20. Thou bringest darkness : and then it is night, in which all the beasts of the forest prowl abroad.

21. The lions, roaring after their prey, do seek their meat from God.

22. The sun ariseth ; they retreat, and lay themselves down in their dens.

23. Then

23. Then man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour, until the evening.

24. O LORD, how manifold are thy works ! in wisdom hast thou disposed them all : the earth is full of thy riches.

25. So is the sea, great and wide in its extent, in which are things moving innumerable, living creatures both small and great.

26. There sail the ships ; and there is the whale, which thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

27. All these wait upon thee, that thou mayest give them their food in due season.

28. When thou givest it to them, they gather it ; and when thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good.

29. When thou hidest thy countenance, they are seized with consternation ; when thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to the dust.

30. When thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created ; and thus thou renewest the face of the earth.

31. The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever : the LORD shall rejoice in his works.

32. He but looketh on the earth, and it trembleth ;

trembleth ; he but toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.

33. I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live ; I will praise my God while I have my being.

34. My praise shall be pleasing to him ; and I will rejoice in the LORD.

35. While sinners shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end ; praise thou the LORD, O my soul ; praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CV.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD ; and call upon his name ; tell the people what things he hath done.

2. Sing to him, and praise him ; rehearse all his wondrous works.

3. Make your boast in his holy name ; let the heart of those rejoice who seek the LORD.

4. Seek the LORD and his power, seek his countenance continually.

5. Call to mind the wonders which he hath wrought, his miracles, and the judgments of his mouth :

6. O ye posterity of Abraham his servant ; ye children of Jacob his chosen.

7. He,

7. He, the LORD, is our God: his judgements are in all the world.

8. He is ever mindful of his covenant, and of his promise, to a thousand generations ;

9. Even the covenant which he made with Abraham, and the oath which he swore unto Isaac ;

10. Which he confirmed unto Jacob for a decree, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant ;

11. Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, for the lot of your inheritance.

12. When yet they were few in number, very few, and strangers in the land ;

13. When they removed from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people ;

14. He suffered no man to do them wrong ; nay, he rebuked even kings for their sakes,

15. Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

16. Moreover, when he called for a famine upon the land, and entirely broke the staff of bread :

17. He had sent a man before them into
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to Egypt, even Joseph who was sold for a slave ;

18. Whose feet they hurt with fetters : he was laid in irons,

19. Until his prediction * came to pass, and the word of the LORD cleared him.

20. Then the king sent, and released him ; the ruler of the people let him go free.

21. He made him lord also of his household, and ruler of all he possessed ;

22. That he might restrain his princes at pleasure, and teach his senators wisdom.

23. Then Israel went into Egypt, and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24. Where God multiplied his people exceedingly, and made them stronger than their enemies ;

25. Whose heart turned so, that they hated his people, and acted deceitfully against his servants.

26. Then he sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27. These shewed his tokens among them, and prodigies in the land of Ham.

28. He sent darkness, and it was dark ; yet they were not obedient unto his word.

* See Genesis xli. 9—14. 38.

29. He

29. He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

30. Their land brought forth frogs ; yea, even in the private chambers of their king.

31. He spake the word, and there came all manner of flies, and gnats in all their coasts.

32. He gave them heavy storms of hail, and lightnings through their land.

33. He blasted their vines and their fig-trees, and destroyed the trees that were in their coasts.

34. He spake, and the locust came, and caterpillars innumerable, which consumed all the grass in their land, and devoured all the fruits of their soil.

35. He smote all the first-born in their land, even the prime of all their strength.

36. Then he brought forth his people with silver and gold ; not one feeble person was among their tribes.

37. Egypt rejoiced at their departure ; for the dread of them had fallen upon her.

38. He spread out a cloud for a covering, and fire to give them light by night.

39. At their request he brought quails, and he filled them with bread from heaven.

40. He opened the rock, and the waters rushed

rushed out; they flowed in streams through the desert.

41. For he remembered his sacred promise, given unto Abraham his servant.

42. And he brought out his people with joy, and his chosen with triumph.

43. He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the labours of other people :

44. On condition that they would keep his statutes, and would observe his laws.

PSALM CVI.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is good : for his mercy endureth for ever.

2. Who can express the noble acts of the LORD? who can shew forth all his praise?

3. Blessed are they who keep to justice, and at all times practise righteousness.

4. Remember me, O LORD, with thy wonted favour ; O visit me with thy saving power :

5. That I may see the prosperity of thy chosen, and may rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.

6. We have sinned like our fathers ; we have done amiss, and acted wickedly.

7. Our

7. Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt; neither kept they thy great goodness in remembrance, but were disobedient as they marched by the Red-sea.

8. Nevertheless, he saved them for his own name's sake, that he might display his mighty power.

9. He rebuked the Red-sea also, and it was dried up; he led them through the deep, as through a wilderness.

10. And he saved them from the power of their adversaries, and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.

11. But the waters overwhelmed their enemies; not one of them was left.

12. Then believed they in his word, and sang his praise.

13. But soon they forgot his works, and would not wait for his counsel.

14. An insatiable appetite came upon them in the wilderness, and they tempted God in the desert.

15. So he granted their requests, and sent abundance to glut their appetites.

16. They were jealous of Moses in the camp, and of Aaron the hallowed of the LORD.

17. Then the earth opened, and swallowed
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lowed up Dathan, and overwhelmed the company of Abiram.

18. A fire was kindled in their assembly ; the flame burned up the wicked.

19. They made a calf in Horeb, and worshiped the molten image.

20. Thus they exchanged their glory for the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

21. They forgot God their Saviour, who had done such great things in Egypt ;

22. Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things at the Red-sea.

23. Therefore he declared he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach *, to turn away his indignation, lest he should destroy them.

24. Yea, they despised that pleasant land, and gave no credence unto his word ;

25. But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

26. Therefore did he swear unto them, that he would make them fall in the wilderness :

27. And that he would disperse their posterity among the nations, and scatter them through the lands.

* *i. e.* interceded for them.

28. They

28. They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices * offered to the dead.

29. Thus they provoked him with their impieties : and a pestilence broke out among them.

30. But Phineas stood up, and executed justice ; and a pestilence was restrained.

31. And this was accounted to him for righteousness, through all succeeding generations.

32. They provoked him also at the waters of Meribah, where Moses suffered on their account.

33. Because they vexed his spirit : so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34. They destroyed not the nations, as the LORD had commanded them ;

35. But mingled themselves among the heathen, and learned their practices.

36. They even worshiped their idols, which became a snare to them ; yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto demons † :

37. They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and their daughters, whom

* i. e. worshiped dead men, the gods of the heathens.

† i. e. dead men deified.

they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan ; and the land was polluted with blood.

38. Thus they defiled themselves with their works, and committed fornication by their idolatries.

39. Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, inso-much that he abhorred his own inheritance.

40. And he delivered them over into the hand of the heathen ; and those who hated them were lords over them.

41. Their enemies oppressed them, and held them in subjection.

42. Many times did he deliver them : but they deliberately rebelled against him ; and were brought low by their wickedness.

43. Nevertheless, when he heard their complaint, he regarded their affliction.

44. He thought upon his covenant, and pitied them, according unto the multitude of his mercies ; yea, he made all those that led them away captive to pity them.

45. Deliver us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, that we may give thanks unto thy holy name, and make our boast of thy praise.

46. Blessed be the LORD God of Israel
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from everlasting to everlasting; and let all the people say, Amen.

PSALM CVII.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2. Let those give thanks whom the LORD hath redeemed, and delivered from the hand of the enemy;

3. Whom he hath gathered from the countries, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

4. They were wandering in solitary deserts, they could find no city to dwell in.

5. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6. They cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

7. He conducted them by the right way, till they came to a city where they might dwell.

8. Let these therefore praise the LORD for his goodness, and for the wonderful things which he hath done for the children of men!

9. For he satisfieth the thirsty soul, and filleth the hungry soul with good.

10. They who sat in darkness, and in
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the shadow of death ; being fast bound in misery and iron,

11. Because they had rebelled against the commands of the LORD, and disregarded the counsel of the Most High ;

12. Whose heart he had humbled with sorrow ; who were fallen, and there was no one to help them :

13. When these cried unto the LORD in their trouble, he delivered them from their distress.

14. He brought them out of darkness, and the shadow of death, and brake their bonds asunder.

15. Let these therefore praise the LORD for his goodness, and for the wonderful things which he hath done for the children of men !

16. For he hath broken open the gates of brass, and hath cut asunder the bars of iron.

17. Foolish men, because of their transgressions, and because of their wickedness, are afflicted.

18. Their soul abhorreth all food, and they draw near to the gates of death :

19. When these cry unto the LORD in their trouble, he delivereth them from their distress.

20. He

20. He sendeth forth his word, and healeth them, and they are saved from destruction.

21. Let these therefore praise the LORD for his goodness, and for the wonderful things which he hath done for the children of men !

22. Let them offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and rehearse his works with gladness !

23. They who traverse the sea in ships, and transact business on the great waters,

24. They see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

25. He biddeth, and the tempest riseth, and lifteth up the waves thereof.

26. They mount up to the heaven, they sink down again to the deep ; their soul melteth with trouble.

27. They reel and stagger like a drunken man, and all their skill faileth them.

28. When these cry unto the LORD in their trouble, he delivereth them from their distress.

29. He turneth the tempest into a calm, and stilleth the waves of the sea.

30. Then they rejoice because they
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are at rest, and he bringeth them unto the desired haven.

31. Let these therefore praise the LORD for his goodness, and for the wonderful things which he hath done for the children of men !

32. Let these exalt him also in the assembly of the people, and praise him in the council of the elders.

33. He converteth rivers into a wilderness, and water-springs into dry deserts.

34. He changeth a fruitful land into a barren waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.

35. Again, he turneth the wilderness into pools of water, and dry ground into water-springs ;

36. And there he setteth the hungry, that they may build a city to dwell in ;

37. That they may sow their land, and plant vineyards, which may yield an increase of fruits.

38. He blesseth them, so that they multiply exceedingly, and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39. Others again are reduced and brought low, by oppression, calamity, and trouble.

40. He poureth out contempt upon
princes,

princes, and maketh them wander in the wilderness ;

41. Yet raiseth he the distressed from affliction, and augmenteth his family like a flock.

42. The righteous will consider this and rejoice, and the mouth of all wickedness shall be stopped :

43. He who is wise will observe these things, and they shall understand the loving-kindness of the LORD.

PSALM CX.

THE LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right-hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2. The LORD shall deliver to thee the sceptre of thy power from Zion ; rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3. In the day of thy power shall thy willing people advance with ornaments of holiness : thy offspring shall be as the dew of the morning.

4. The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent ; thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

5. The LORD upon thy right-hand shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.

6. He will execute judgement among the nations, he will fill the places with the dead bodies, and wound the chiefs of many countries.

7. He will drink of the brook in the way, therefore shall his head be exalted.

PSALM CXI.

I WILL give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the faithful, and in the congregation.

2. The works of the LORD are great, delightful to all those who take pleasure in examining them.

3. His works are glorious and honourable, and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4. His wonderful works are worthy to be had in remembrance: the LORD is gracious, and full of compassion.

5. He hath given food unto those who fear him, he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6. He hath shewed his people his mighty power; he hath given them the heritage of the nations.

7. The works of his hands are verity and judgement; all his commandments are true.

8. They are fixed for ever and ever,
for

for they are founded in truth and equity.

9. When he sent redemption unto his people, he confirmed his covenant for ever ; holy and reverend is his name.

10. The fear of the LORD is the perfection of wisdom ; a good understanding have all those who practise it ; the praise of it endureth for ever.

PSALM CXII.

BLESSED is the man who feareth the LORD ; who taketh great delight in his commandments.

2. His posterity shall be mighty upon earth ; for the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3. Riches and plenty shall be in his house, and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the midst of darkness ; to the kind, the compassionate, and the just.

5. That man shall prosper who is liberal and lendeth, and who manageth his affairs with discretion.

6. For he shall never be removed, and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

7. He

7. He will not be afraid of evil report; for his heart is firm, and trusteth in the LORD.

8. His heart is firm, and will not shrink until he see his enemies punished.

9. He giveth liberally to the poor, therefore his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10. The wicked shall see, and shall be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and pine away; the hope of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM CXIII.

PRAISE the LORD, O ye his servants;
O praise the name of the LORD.

2. Praised be the name of the LORD, from this time forth even for evermore.

3. Praised be the name of the LORD, from the rising to the setting of the sun.

4. The LORD is high above all nations, his glory is above the heavens.

5. Who is like unto the LORD our God, who exalteth himself, to dwell in the heavens, who humbleth himself to behold the earth!

6. He raiseth the poor from the dust, he lifteth the needy out of the mire;

7. To

7. To seat him among the princes, even among the princes of his people.

8. He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children.

PSALM CXIV.

WHEN Israel came forth from Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among a people of strange language,

2. Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

3. The sea saw, and fled; Jordan retired back.

4. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs.

5. What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest; and thou, Jordan, that thou retiredst back?

6. Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs?

7. Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

8. Who turned the rock into a standing water, and the flint-stone into a running stream.

PSALM CXV.

NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thine own name give glory;
for

for the sake of thy loving-kindness, and thy truth.

2. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God?

3. Our God is in the heavens; he doeth whatsoever he pleaseth.

4. Their idols are of silver and gold, the work of the hands of men.

5. They have mouths, but speak not; they have eyes, but see not:

6. They have ears, but hear not; they have noses, but smell not:

7. They have hands, but handle not; they have feet, but walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

8. Let those who make them become like unto them, and all who put their trust in them.

9. But let Israel trust in the LORD; he is their help and their shield.

10. Let the house of Aaron trust in the LORD; he is their help and their shield.

11. Let those who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; he is their help and their shield.

12. May the LORD ever be mindful of us, and bless us; may he bless the house of Israel, may he bless the house of Aaron.

13. May

13. May he bless those who fear the LORD, both small and great.

14. May the LORD increase blessings upon you more and more ; upon you, and upon your children.

15. May ye be blessed of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

16. The whole heavens are the LORD's ; but he hath given the earth to the children of men.

17. The dead praise not thee, O LORD ; none who have descended into the silent grave.

18. May we then praise the LORD from henceforth even for evermore. Praise the LORD.

PSALM CXVI.

I LOVE the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my prayer.

2. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3. The snares of death had encompassed, and the toils of the grave had inclosed me.

4. I experienced trouble and anguish ; then I called upon the name of the LORD : O LORD, I beseech thee, preserve my life.

5. Gracious

5. Gracious is the LORD, and righteous ;
yea, our God is compassionate.

6. The LORD preserveth the innocent ;
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

7. Return unto thy wonted tranquillity, O my soul, for the LORD hath been gracious to thee :

8. Thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9. I shall yet walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

10. I always trusted in thee, though I said I was greatly afflicted, and though I too hastily said, All men are liars.

11. What then shall I render unto the LORD, for all his benefits bestowed upon me ?

12. I will take the cup of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

13. I will pay my vows unto the LORD in the presence of all his people : precious in the sight of the LORD is the life of his servants.

14. Surely, O LORD, because I am thy servant ; thy servant, and the son of thy hand-maid ; thou hast now broken my bonds.

15. I will offer to thee therefore the
sacrifice

sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

16. I will pay my vows unto the LORD, in the presence of all his people; in the courts of the LORD's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

PSALM CXVII.

O PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations; celebrate him, all ye people.

2. For his mercy is great towards us, and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise the LORD.

PSALM CXVIII.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever.

2. Let all Israel now confess, that his mercy endureth for ever.

3. Let the house of Aaron now confess, that his mercy endureth for ever.

4. Let those who fear the LORD confess, that his mercy endureth for ever.

5. I called upon the LORD when I was in distress, and the LORD heard and set me at large.

6. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear what man can do unto me.

7. The

7. The LORD is among those who help me ; therefore shall I see the confusion of mine enemies.

8. It is better to trust in the LORD, than to place confidence in man.

9. It is better to trust in the LORD, than to place confidence in princes.

10. Many nations beset me round ; but in the name of the LORD I repulsed them.

11. Again and again they beset me round ; but in the name of the LORD I repulsed them.

12. They beset me round like bees, but were soon extinct like a blaze of thorns ; for in the name of the LORD I repulsed them.

13. They pushed violently at me, that I might fall ; but the LORD helped me.

14. The LORD is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation.

15. The voice of joy and of salvation is in the dwellings of the righteous ; the right-hand of the LORD hath done mighty things.

16. The right-hand of the LORD is exalted ; the right-hand of the LORD hath done mighty things.

17. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

18. The

18. The LORD did severely correct me; but he did not give me over unto death.

19. Open for me the gates of the sanctuary, that I may enter into them, and give thanks unto the LORD.

20. This is the gate of the LORD, let the righteous enter into it.

21. I will give thanks unto thee, for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

22. The stone which the builders rejected is become the chief corner-stone.

23. This is the LORD's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

24. This is the day in which the LORD hath done it, we rejoice and are glad in him.

25. Save us now, we beseech thee, O LORD; O LORD, we beseech thee, give us now success.

26. Blessed be he who cometh in the name of the LORD; we invoke a blessing upon you, ye that are of the house of the LORD.

27. The LORD is God; it is he who hath enlightened us: bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.

28. Thou

28. Thou art my God, and I will praise thee; thou art my God, and I will exalt thee.

29. O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM CXIX.

I.

BLESSED are those who are undefiled in the way, and who walk in the law of the LORD.

2. Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, and who seek him with their whole heart.

3. For they do no wickedness; they walk in his ways.

4. Thou hast charged, that we should diligently keep thy commandments.

5. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

6. Then shall I not be confounded, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

7. I will give thanks to thee with an unfeigned heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgements.

8. I will keep thy statutes; O forsake me not utterly.

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2.

HOW shall a young man purify his way? even by ruling himself according to thy word.

2. With my whole heart do I seek thee; suffer me not to wander from thy commandments.

3. I treasure up thy word in my heart, that I may not sin against thee.

4. Blessed art thou, O LORD; O teach me thy statutes.

5. With my lips have I declared all the judgements of thy mouth.

6. I take as great delight in thy testimonies as in all riches.

7. I meditate on thy commandments, and have respect unto thy ways.

8. I take delight in thy statutes; and I will not forget thy word.

3.

BE gracious unto thy servant, that I may live and keep thy word.

2. Open thou mine eyes, that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

3. I am a sojourner upon earth; O hide not thy commandments from me.

4. My soul is worn out with the fervent

vent desire which it hath always unto thy statutes.

5. Thou rebukest the proud ; and cursed are they who depart from thy commandments.

6. Remove from me reproach and contempt ; for I keep thy testimonies.

7. Even princes may sit and speak against me ; nevertheless thy servant will meditate on thy statutes.

8. Thy testimonies also are my delight, and my counsellors.

4.

MY life sinketh into the dust ; revive thou me according to thy word.

2. I have confessed my ways, and thou heardest me ; O teach me thy statutes.

3. Make me to understand the way of thy commandments, and I will meditate upon thy wonderful works.

4. My soul is bowed down with sorrow : raise thou me up according unto thy word.

5. Remove from me the way of falsehood, and vouchsafe me thy law.

6. I have chosen the way of truth ; and thy judgements have I set before me.

7. I

7. I have kept close unto thy testimonies ; O LORD, let me not be ashamed.

8. I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

5.

TEACH me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes, and I will keep it as long as I live.

2. Give me understanding, and I will keep thy law ; yea, I will observe it with my whole heart.

3. Conduct me in the path of thy commandments ; for therein is my delight.

4. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

5. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity ; and enliven thou me in thy way.

6. Establish thy word with thy servant, which thou hast promised to those who fear thee.

7. Take away the reproach that I fear ; for thy judgements are good.

8. Behold, my delight is in thy commandments ; revive me in thy righteousness.

6. LET

6.

LET thy mercy come also unto me, O LORD, even thy salvation, according unto thy word.

2. Then may I answer him that reproacheth me, that I trust in thy word.

3. Take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth ; for my hope is in thy judgements :

4. So shall I keep thy law continually ; yea, for ever and ever.

5. And I shall walk at liberty ; because I seek thy commandments.

6. I will speak thy testimonies also even before kings, and will not be ashamed.

7. And my delight shall be in thy commandments, which I love.

8. My hands also will I lift up in admiration of thy commandments, which I love ; and my study shall be in thy statutes.

7.

REMEMBER thy word unto thy servant, wherein thou hast caused me to place my trust.

2. This is my comfort in my trouble ; that thy word reviveth me.

3. The proud hold me exceedingly in derision, yet I swerve not from thy law.

4. For

4. For I remembered thy judgements of old, O LORD, and received comfort.

5. Horror seizeth me, because of the ungodly who forsake thy law.

6. Thy statutes have been my songs, in the house of my pilgrimage.

7. I have thought upon thy name, O LORD, in the night-season, and have kept thy law.

8. This is my comfort ; that I keep thy commandments.

8.

THOU art my portion, O LORD ; I have promised to keep thy law.

2. I entreat thy favour with my whole heart ; O be merciful unto me according to thy word.

3. I consider my ways, and turn my feet unto thy testimonies.

4. I make haste, and delay not to keep thy commandments.

5. Companies of wicked men plunder me, but I do not forget thy law.

6. At midnight I rise to give thanks unto thee, because of thy righteous judgements.

7. I am a companion of all those who fear thee, and keep thy commandments.

8. The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy ; teach me thy statutes.

9.

O LORD, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant, according unto thy word.

2. O teach me true discernment and knowledge, that I may adhere to thy commandments.

3. Before I was afflicted I went astray : but now I keep thy word.

4. Thou art good and doest good ; O teach me thy statutes.

5. The proud have forged falsehood against me ; but I keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

6. Their hearts are swelled with fatness ; but my delight is in thy law.

7. It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn thy statutes.

8. The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

10.

THY hands have made me, and fashioned me : O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

2. They who fear thee will rejoice
when

when they see me, because I have put my trust in thy word.

3. I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou of very faithfulness hast afflicted me.

4. O let thy mercy be my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

5. O let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live; for thy law is my delight.

6. Let the proud be ashamed, for they maliciously persecute me without cause; but I meditate on thy commandments.

7. Let those who fear thee and know thy testimonies, turn unto me.

8. O let my heart be perfect in thy statutes, that I be not ashamed.

11.

MY soul fainteth for thy salvation, and I have a good hope because of thy word.

2. Mine eyes fail with looking for thy word; while I say, When wilt thou comfort me?

3. I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes.

4. How many will the days of thy servant

vant be? when wilt thou execute judgement upon those who persecute me?

5. The proud have digged pits for me; they act without any regard to thy law.

6. All thy commandments are truth; they persecute me without cause; O be thou my help.

7. They have almost destroyed me upon earth; but I forsake not thy commandments.

8. Revive me according to thy mercy, and I will keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

12.

O LORD, thy word is firmly established for ever in heaven.

2. Thy truth also remaineth from generation to generation; thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

3. All things continue to this day according to thine ordinance; for all things serve thee.

4. If my delight had not been in thy law, I should have perished in my trouble.

5. I will never forget thy commandments; for with them thou hast revived me.

6. I am thine, O save me; for I seek thy commandments.

7. The

7. The ungodly watch for my destruction ; but I will consult thy testimonies.

8. I have seen an end of all perfection ; but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

13.

HOW greatly do I love thy law ; it is my meditation all the day.

2. Thy commandments make me wiser than mine enemies ; for I meditate upon them continually.

3. I have more understanding than my teachers ; for thy testimonies are my study.

4. I am become wiser than the aged ; because I keep thy commandments.

5. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep thy word.

6. I swerve not from thy laws ; for thou art my instructor.

7. How much more pleasant are thy words unto my taste, than honey to my mouth !

8. From thy commandments I gain instruction ; therefore I hate every evil way.

14.

THY word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

2. I

2. I have sworn and stedfastly purposed to keep thy righteous judgements.

3. I am troubled above measure ; revive me, O LORD, according to thy word.

4. Accept now the free-will offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgements.

5. My life is continually in danger ; yet do I not forget thy law.

6. The ungodly have laid a snare for me ; yet I swerved not from thy commandments.

7. Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever, for they are the joy of my heart.

8. I have applied my heart to perform thy statutes, which bring an everlasting reward.

15.

I HATE those who imagine evil things ; but thy law do I love.

2. Thou art my defence and my shield, my trust is in thy word.

3. Depart from me, ye evil-doers : I will keep the commandments of my God.

4. Support me according to thy word, that I may live ; and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

5. Hold

5. Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe ; and I will ever regard thy statutes.

6. Thou treadest down all those who depart from thy statutes ; for they imagine but deceit.

7. Thou removest all the wicked of the earth like dross ; therefore I love thy testimonies.

8. My flesh trembleth through fear of thee, and I stand in awe of thy judgments.

16.

I EXECUTE judgement and justice ; O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

2. Conduct thy servant into a place of safety ; let not the proud oppress me.

3. Mine eyes fail with looking for thy salvation, and for thy righteous promise.

4. O deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

5. I am thy servant ; O grant me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

6. It is time for thee, LORD, to execute judgement ; for they make void thy law.

7. Because I love thy commandments more than gold, even than fine gold,

8. Therefore

8. Therefore I esteem all thy precepts to be right, and I abhor every false way.

17.

THY testimonies are wonderful; therefore doth my soul keep them.

2. When thy word is explained, it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

3. I opened my mouth and panted; for I longed for thy commandments.

4. O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou art wont to do unto those who love thy name.

5. Confirm my steps by thy word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

6. Deliver me from the oppression of men, so shall I keep thy commandments.

7. Shew the light of thy countenance unto thy servant, and teach me thy statutes.

8. Rivers of water flow from mine eyes; because men keep not thy law.

18.

RIGHTEOUS art thou, O LORD, and just are thy judgements.

2. The testimonies which thou hast commanded, are exceeding righteous and true.

3. My

3. My indignation consumeth me ; because mine enemies forget thy laws.

4. Thy word is tried to the uttermost, therefore thy servant loveth it.

5. I am small, and of no reputation ; yet do I not forget thy commandments.

6. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

7. Trouble and anguish have taken hold upon me ; yet thy commandments are my delight.

8. The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting ; O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

19.

I CALL with my whole heart ; hear me, O LORD, I will keep thy statutes.

2. I call upon thee : O save me, and I will keep thy testimonies.

3. Early in the morning do I cry unto thee ; for in thy word is my trust.

4. Mine eyes precede the morning watch, that I may meditate on thy word.

5. Hear my voice, O LORD, according to thy loving-kindness ; revive me according as thou art wont.

6. They draw near who follow mischief, who are far from thy law.

7. But thou, O LORD, art also near ;
all thy commandments are true.

8. I have long since known, that thou
hast established thy testimonies for ever.

20.

CONSIDER mine affliction, and deliver
me ; for I do not forget thy law.

2. Plead thou my cause, and deliver
me ; revive me according to thy word.

3. Salvation is far from the ungodly ;
for they regard not thy statutes.

4. Great is thy mercy, O LORD ; revive
me as thou art wont.

5. Many are they who trouble me, and
persecute me ; yet do I not swerve from
thy testimonies.

6. I see the transgressors ; and am
grieved because they keep not thy law.

7. Consider, O LORD, how I love thy
commandments ; O revive me according
to thy loving-kindness.

8. The whole of thy word is truth ; all
thy righteous judgements are everlasting.

21.

PRINCES persecute me without cause ;
but my heart standeth in awe of thy
word.

2. I rejoice as much in thy word, as one who findeth great spoil.

3. I hate and abhor falsehood ; but thy law do I love.

4. Seven times in a day do I praise thee, because of thy righteous judgments.

5. Great peace have they who love thy law, and nothing shall cause them to fall.

6. LORD, I hope for thy protection, for I have performed thy commandments.

7. My soul keepeth thy testimonies, and loveth them exceedingly.

8. I observe thy precepts and thy testimonies ; for all my ways are before thee.

22.

LET my cry come before thee, O LORD ; give me understanding according to thy word.

2. Let my supplication come before thee ; deliver me according to thy word.

3. My lips shall speak of thy praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

4. My tongue shall sing of thy word ; for all thy commandments are righteous.

5. Let thine hand help me ; for I have chosen thy commandments.

6. I

6. I long for thy salvation, O LORD, and thy law is my delight.

7. Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee, and let thy judgements help me.

8. I wander about like a sheep that is lost; O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

PSALM CXXI.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the mountains, from whence cometh my help.

2. My help cometh from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and he who guardeth thee will not slumber.

4. Behold, he who guardeth Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

5. The LORD himself is thy guard; the LORD is thy shade at thy right hand;

6. The sun shall not injure thee by day, nor the moon by night.

7. The LORD shall protect thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy life.

8. The LORD shall guard thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth even for evermore.

PSALM CXXII.

I WAS glad when they said unto me,
Let us go up together into the house
of the LORD.

2. Our feet shall stand within thy
gates, O Jerusalem.

3. Jerusalem is built as a city, to unite
the tribes together.

4. For thither the tribes go up, even
the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimo-
ny* of Israel, to give thanks unto the
name of the LORD.

5. For there are the tribunals of judge-
ment; the tribunals of the house of Da-
vid.

6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem;
may they prosper who love thee.

7. Peace be within thy walls, and pro-
sperity within thy palaces.

8. For the sake of my brethren and
my companions I say now, Peace be unto
thee.

9. For the sake of the house of the
LORD our God, I will ever wish thee pro-
sperity.

* i. e. the ark, Exod. xvi. 34. xxv. 22.

PSALM CXXIII.

UNTO thee do I lift up mine eyes ; O thou who dwellest in the heavens.

2. Behold, as the eyes of men-servants look unto the hands of their masters, and as the eyes of a maid-servant unto the hands of her mistress, so do our eyes look unto the LORD our God, until he shall have mercy upon us.

3. Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us : for we are utterly despised.

4. Our soul is filled with the reproaches of the insolent, and with the contempt of the proud.

PSALM CXXIV.

IF the LORD had not been on our side, now may Israel say ; if the LORD had not been on our side, when men rose up against us,

2. Surely they had swallowed us up alive, in the heat of their wrath against us.

3. Surely the waters had overwhelmed us, and the stream had passed over us ;

4. Surely the swelling waters had passed over us.

5. But praised be the LORD, who did not give us up a prey to their teeth.

6. We

6. We are escaped like a bird out of the snare of the fowler ; the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

7. Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made the heavens and the earth.

PSALM CXXV.

THEY who place their trust in the LORD are like mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

2. As the mountains encompass Jerusalem, so the LORD surroundeth his people, from henceforth even for ever.

3. Therefore the sceptre of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous, lest the righteous should put their hand unto wickedness.

4. Do good, O LORD, unto those who are good, even to the upright of heart.

5. But as for those who turn aside to crooked paths, the LORD will lead them forth with the evil-doers, but peace shall be upon Israel.

PSALM CXXVI.

WHEN the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like those who dream.

2. Then

2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with joy.

3. Then said the nations, 'The LORD hath done great things for them.

4. The LORD hath indeed done great things for us ; for which we rejoice.

5. Restore, O LORD, the rest of our fellow captives, like the rivers in the south.

6. They who sowed in tears now reap with joy.

7. He who goeth forth weeping and sowing seed, shall doubtless return with joy, bringing the sheaves with him.

PSALM CXXVII.

UNLESS the LORD build the house, their labour is but lost who build it.

2. Unless the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

3. It is in vain for you to rise up early, and to go late to rest, and to eat the bread of carefulness ; surely the LORD giveth his beloved sleep.

4. Lo, children, the fruit of the womb, are an heritage and gift that cometh of the LORD.

5. As arrows in the hand of the mighty man ; even so are young children.

6. Happy

6. Happy is the man who hath his quiver filled with them ; they shall not be put to shame when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

PSALM CXXVIII.

BLESSED is every one who feareth the LORD, and walketh in his ways.

2. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands ; thou shalt be happy and prosperous.

3. Thy wife shall be like the fruitful vine upon the walls of thine house ;

4. Thy children like olive-plants round about thy table.

5. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed who feareth the LORD ;

6. The LORD shall bless thee from Zion ; thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all the days of thy life ;

7. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

PSALM CXXIX.

FROM my youth they have frequently oppressed me, may Israel truly say :

2. From my youth they have frequently oppressed

oppressed me ; but they have not prevailed against me.

3. The plowers plowed upon my back, and made long furrows :

4. But the righteous LORD hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

5. May all those who hate Zion be confounded and put to flight.

6. May they be like the grass upon the house-tops, which withereth before it is plucked up ;

7. With which the mower filleth not his hand ; nor he who bindeth up the sheaves his arm.

8. Neither do they who pass by say, The LORD prosper you, we bless you in the name of the LORD.

PSALM CXXX.

OUT of the deep I call unto thee, O LORD ; O LORD, hear my voice.

2. O let thine ears attend to the voice of my supplication.

3. If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquity ; O LORD, who may abide it ?

4. But there is mercy with thee ; therefore shalt thou be revered.

5. I wait for the LORD, my soul waiteth for him ; in his promise is my trust.

6. My

6. My soul looketh unto the LORD, more eagerly than those who watch for the appearance of the morning.

7. O Israel, trust in the LORD ; for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is great power to save.

8. And he shall save Israel from all his iniquities.

PSALM CXXXI.

O LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty.

2. I do not exercise myself in matters which are too great or too high for me.

3. Surely I calm and compose myself like a child that is weaned from his mother ; yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.

4. O Israel, trust in the LORD, from henceforth, even for ever.

PSALM CXXXII.

LORD, remember David, and all his trouble :

2. How he sware unto the LORD, and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob ;

3. I will not enter the tabernacle of my house, nor ascend into my bed ;

4. I

4. I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep,
nor mine eyelids to slumber,

5. Until I find out a place for the
LORD; a habitation for the mighty God
of Jacob.

6. Lo, we heard of it at Ephrata, and
found it in the wood.

7. We will go into his tabernacle, and
fall prostrate before his footstool.

8. Arise, O LORD, into thy resting-
place, thou and the ark of thy power.

9. Let thy priests be clothed with
righteousness, and let thy saints sing
aloud for joy.

10. For the sake of David thy servant,
reject not the prayer of thine anointed.

11. The LORD did swear faithfully unto
David, and he will not depart from it:

12. One of thy descendants I will place
upon thy throne.

13. If thy children will keep my cove-
nant, and the testimonies which I shall
teach them, their children also shall sit
upon thy throne for evermore.

14. For the LORD hath chosen Zion;
he hath selected it to be a habitation for
himself.

15. This shall be my rest for ever, here
will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

16. I

16. I will abundantly bless her provision, and will satisfy her poor with bread.

17. I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

18. There will I make the horn of David to flourish; I have ordained glory for mine anointed.

19. His enemies I will clothe with shame; but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

PSALM CXXXIII.

BEHOLD, how good and pleasant a thing it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2. It is like the precious ointment upon Aaron's head, which ran down upon his beard, even to his robe:

3. Or like the dew of Hermon, which falls upon the parched mountain.

4. To such the LORD hath promised his blessing, even life for evermore.

PSALM CXXXIV.

PRAISE now the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD;

2. Ye who by night stand in the house of the LORD,

3. Lift up your hands in his sanctuary, and praise the LORD.

4. May

4. May the LORD, who made heaven and earth, bless thee out of Zion !

PSALM CXXXV.

O PRAISE ye the name of the LORD ;
praise it, O ye servants of the LORD :

2. Ye who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God ;

3. O praise the LORD, for the LORD is good ; O sing praises unto his name, for it is pleasant.

4. For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar possession.

5. For I certainly know that the LORD is great, and that our God is above all gods.

6. Whatsoever the LORD pleaseth, that he doeth in heaven, and in earth, in the sea, and in all deep places.

7. He raiseth the vapours from the surface of the earth, he formeth the lightnings and the rain, he bringeth forth the winds out of his treasures.

8. He smote the first-born of Egypt, both of man and beast.

9. He sent signs and wonders into the
midst

midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh and upon all his servants.

10. He smote many nations, and slew mighty kings ;

11. Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan ;

12. And gave their land to be a heritage, even a heritage unto Israel his people.

13. Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever ; and thy memorial from generation to generation.

14. For the LORD will plead the cause of his people, and be gracious unto his servants.

15. The images of the heathen are but silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

16. They have mouths, but speak not ; eyes have they, but they see not :

17. They have ears, but they hear not ; neither is there any breath in their mouths.

18. Those who make them are like unto them, and so are all those who put their trust in them.

19. Praise the LORD, O house of Israel ; praise the LORD, O house of Aaron :

20. Praise the LORD, O house of Levi ; ye who fear the LORD, praise the LORD.

21. Praised

21. Praised be the LORD out of Zion,
who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

PSALM CXXXVI.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD ; for he
is good, and his mercy endureth for
ever.

2. O give thanks unto the God of gods ;
for his mercy endureth for ever.

3. O give thanks unto the LORD of
lords ; for his mercy endureth for ever.

4. Who alone doeth great wonders ;
for his mercy endureth for ever.

5. Who by his excellent wisdom made
the heavens ; for his mercy endureth for
ever.

6. Who spread out the earth above the
waters ; for his mercy endureth for ever.

7. Who made the great lights ; for his
mercy endureth for ever ;

8. The sun to rule the day ; for his
mercy endureth for ever ;

9. The moon and the stars to rule the
night ; for his mercy endureth for ever.

10. Who smote Egypt in their first-
born ; for his mercy endureth for ever :

11. And brought out Israel from among
them ; for his mercy endureth for ever ;

12 With a mighty hand, and stretched
out

out arm ; for his mercy endureth for ever.

13. Who divided the Red-sea ; for his mercy endureth for ever ;

14. And made Israel to pass through the midst of it ; for his mercy endureth for ever :

15. But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red-sea ; for his mercy endureth for ever.

16. Who led his people through the wilderness ; for his mercy endureth for ever.

17. Who smote great kings ; for his mercy endureth for ever ;

18. Yea, and slew mighty kings ; for his mercy endureth for ever ;

19. Sihon king of the Amorites ; for his mercy endureth for ever ;

20. And Og the king of Bashan ; for his mercy endureth for ever :

21. And gave away their land for an heritage ; for his mercy endureth for ever :

22. Even for an heritage unto Israel his servant ; for his mercy endureth for ever.

23. Who remembered us when we were in trouble ; for his mercy endureth for ever :

24. And delivered us from our enemies ; for his mercy endureth for ever.

25. Who giveth food to all flesh ; for his mercy endureth for ever.

26. O give thanks unto the God of heaven ; for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

I WILL praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart ; even before princes will I sing praise unto thee.

2. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth ; for thou hast magnified thy name above every other name.

3. When I called upon thee, thou heardest me, and enduedst my soul with much strength.

4. All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they shall hear the words of thy mouth.

5. And they shall sing concerning the works of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

6. For though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly ; and though he be exalted, he beholdeth those who are afar off.

7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

trouble, thou preservest my life; thou stretchest forth thine hand against the fury of mine enemies; and thy right-hand saveth me.

8. The LORD will make good his loving-kindness towards me; thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever; forsake not the works of thine own hands.

PSALM CXXXIX.

O LORD, thou hast searched me out, and known me; thou knowest my sitting down, and my rising up; thou understandest my thoughts from afar.

2. Thou surroundest my path, and my bed, and observest all my ways.

3. For lo, there is not a word upon my tongue, but thou, O LORD, knowest it altogether.

4. Thou dost encompass me behind and before, and layest thine hand upon me.

5. Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; I cannot comprehend it.

6. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

7. If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in the grave, behold thou art there.

8. If I take the wings of the morning, and make my dwelling in the remotest part of the sea ;

9. Even there also would thy hand lead me, and thy right-hand would protect me.

10. If I say, Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, even the night would be bright around me ;

11. Yea, even darkness itself is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day ; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

12. Surely thou didst form my reins ; thou didst cover me in my mother's womb.

13. I will praise thee for thine awful works : I am wonderfully made : thy works are wonderful, and my soul knoweth it well.

14. My bones were not hidden from thee, when I was made secretly, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

15. Thine eyes did see my yet unfinished substance, and in thy book all my days were written and marked, even before they began.

16. How precious also are thy thoughts concerning

concerning me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

17. If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still thinking upon thee.

18. Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God? Depart from me, ye blood-thirsty men.

19. For they speak unrighteously against thee, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

20. Search me, O God, and know my heart; prove me, and examine my thoughts.

21. Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM CXLI.

O LORD, I call upon thee: hasten thou unto me, and hear my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2. Let my prayer come before thee as the incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be as the evening sacrifice.

3. Set a watch, O LORD, upon my mouth, and a guard upon the door of my lips.

4. O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing, to commit presumptuous

sin, with the men who work wickedness ; suffer me not to partake of their dainties.

5. Let the righteous correct me, it shall be a kindness ; and let him reprove me, it shall be oil upon my head : I will not refuse it, though it should be repeated : but save me from the malice of wicked men.

6. When their rulers were dismissed on the side of the rock, they heard my words, and they were kind.

7. Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave, like shreds and chips upon the ground.

8. But mine eyes look unto thee, O LORD God ; in thee is my trust, leave not my life defenceless.

9. Preserve me from the snare which they have laid for me, and from the traps of the evil doers.

10. Let the wicked fall into their own nets ; but let me ever escape them.

PSALM CXLII.

I CRY unto the LORD with my voice ; unto the LORD do I make my supplication.

2. I pour forth my complaint before him, and shew him my trouble.

3. When my spirit fainteth within me,
thou

thou knowest my path ; in the way in which I should walk have they laid a snare for me.

4. Look thou on my right-hand, and see there is no one that will know me.

5. I have no place to flee unto, and no man careth for my life.

6. I cry unto thee, O LORD, and say, Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living.

7. Hearken to my complaint ; for I am brought very low.

8. O deliver me from my pursuers ; for they are too strong for me.

9. Bring me out of prison, that I may praise thy name ; the righteous will come about me, when thou art favourable unto me.

PSALM CXLIII.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and attend to my request ; hearken unto me, for thy truth and righteousness sake.

2. And enter not into judgement with thy servant ; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3. For the enemy pursueth me, he smiteth my life to the ground, he maketh me dwell in darkness, like those who have been long dead.

4. My

4. My spirit fainteth within me, and my heart is confounded.

5. I remember the days of ancient times, I muse upon all thy works; I meditate on the exploits of thy power.

6. I spread forth my hands unto thee; my soul gaspeth for thee as a thirsty land.

7. Hasten to help me, O LORD, for my spirit fainteth; hide not thy countenance from me, lest I become like those who go down to the pit.

8. O let me hear thy loving-kindness speedily, for in thee is my trust; instruct me in the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9. Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies; for I flee unto thee for protection.

10. Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God; let thy good spirit conduct me to a place of safety.

11. Preserve my life, O LORD, for thy name's sake, and for thy righteousness sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12. In thy goodness cut off mine enemies, and destroy all those who afflict me, for I am thy servant.

PSALM CXLIV.

BLESSED be the LORD my rock, who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight ;

2. My hope and my fortress, my strong hold and deliverer, my shield under which I take refuge, he reduceth the nations under me.

3. LORD, what is man, that thou takest notice of him ; what is frail man, that thou regardest him ?

4. Man is like a vapour ; his days pass away like a shadow.

5. Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down ; touch the mountains and they will smoke.

6. Cast forth thy lightning, and scatter them ; shoot out thine arrows, and discomfit them.

7. Stretch out thine hand from above ; and deliver me : rescue me from the great waters, from the hand of strangers ;

8. Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and whose right-hand is a right-hand of falsehood.

9. I will sing a new song unto thee, O God, and sing praises unto thee with a ten-stringed lute.

10. Thou

10. Thou givest safety to kings, and deliverest David thy servant from the destroying sword.

11. Our sons are growing in prosperity like thriving plants : our daughters are like the polished columns of a palace.

12. Our store-houses are full, and yield an abundant supply ; our sheep bring forth in thousands, and in ten thousands, in our pastures.

13. Our oxen are strong for labour : there is no hostile invasion : no going out to war : and no complaining in our streets.

14. Happy are the people who are in such a case ; yea, blessed are the people who have the LORD for their God.

PSALM CXLV.

[*See the Morning Service, p. 11.*]

PSALM CXLVI.

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul ; I will praise the LORD as long as I live ; I will sing praises unto my God, while I have any being.

2. Place not your trust in princes, nor in any of the sons of man ; for there is no help in them.

3. His

3. His breath departeth, he returneth to his earth, and then all his designs vanish.

4. Happy is the man who hath the God of Jacob for his help, and whose hope is in the LORD his God ;

5. Who made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all things that are therein ; who keepeth his promise for ever ;

6. Who executeth judgement for the oppressed ; who giveth food to the hungry.

7. The LORD releaseth the captives ; the LORD openeth the eyes of the blind.

8. The LORD raiseth up those who are fallen ; the LORD loveth the righteous.

9. The LORD guardeth the strangers ; he supporteth the fatherless and widow, and subverteth the way of the wicked.

10. The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, through all generations.

PSALM CXLVII.

PRAISE the LORD ; surely it is good to sing praises unto our God ; surely it is a joyful and pleasant thing to be thankful.

2. The LORD rebuildeth Jerusalem, and gathereth together the dispersed of Israel.

3. He

3. He healeth those who are broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

4. He telleth the number of the stars, and calleth them all by their names.

5. Great is our LORD, and abounding in power ; his wisdom is infinite.

6. The LORD supporteth the meek, he humbleth the wicked down to the ground.

7. Sing ye unto the LORD with thanksgiving ; sing praises with the harp unto our God ;

8. Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth ; who maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains ;

9. Who giveth to the beasts their food, even to the young ravens when they cry.

10. He hath no pleasure in the strength of the horse ; neither delighteth he in the force of man.

11. But the LORD delighteth in those who fear him, and who place their trust in his mercy.

12. Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem ; praise thy God, O Zion.

13. For he strengtheneth the bars of thy gates, and blesseth thy children within thee.

14. He maketh peace in thy borders,
and

and giveth thee abundance of the finest wheat.

15. He sendeth his command upon earth, and his word runneth very swiftly.

16. He giveth snow like wool, and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

17. He casteth forth his ice by pieces : who is able to abide his frost ?

18. He sendeth out his word, and melteth them ; he changeth the wind, and the waters flow.

19. He hath declared his word unto Jacob ; his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

20. He hath not done so to any other nation ; neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

PSALM CXLVIII.

O PRAISE the LORD, ye inhabitants of the heavens ; praise him in your high abodes.

2. Praise him, all ye his angels ; praise him, all ye his hosts.

3. Praise him, ye sun and moon ; praise him, all ye stars and light.

4. Praise him, ye highest heavens ; and ye waters that are above the heavens.

5. Let these praise the name of the
LORD ;

LORD ; for he commanded, and they were created.

6. He established them for ever and ever ; he gave them a law which shall not be broken.

7. Praise the LORD, ye inhabitants of the earth, ye sea monsters, and all inhabitants of the deep.

8. Lightning and hail, snow and vapours, wind and storm, fulfilling his word ;

9. Mountains and all hills ; fruit-bearing trees and all cedars ;

10. Wild beasts and all cattle ; reptiles and feathered fowls ;

11. Kings of the earth and all people ; princes and all judges of the world ;

12. Young men and maidens, old men and children ;

13. Let these praise the name of the LORD : for his name always is excellent, and his glory is above heaven and earth.

14. He exalteth the horn of his people ; he is the glory of all his saints, even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him.

PSALM CXLIX.

SING unto the LORD a new song ; sing his praise in the congregation of the saints.

2. Let

2. Let Israel rejoice in him who made him, let the children of Zion exult in their King.

3. Let them praise his name in the dance ; let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.

4. For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people, he adorneth the meek with salvation.

5. Let the saints exult with glory ; let them sing aloud at their festivals.

6. Let the praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hands ;

7. To execute vengeance upon the nations, and to chastise the heathen :

8. To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with links of iron :

9. That they may execute upon them the judgement that is decreed : such is the honour reserved for all his saints.

PSALM CL.

PRAISE God for his holiness ; praise him according to the vast extent of his power.

2. Praise him for his mighty acts ; praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet ;

trumpet ; praise him with the lute and harp.

4. Praise him with the tabor and pipe ; praise him with stringed instruments and flutes.

5. Praise him with the soft-toned cymbals ; praise him with the loud cymbals.

6. Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD.

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HYMN I. L. M.

All nations called upon to praise God the creator.

A plain translation of Psalm c.

I

YE nations round the earth, rejoice
Before the LORD, your sov'reign king :
Serve him with cheerful heart and voice,
With all your tongues his glory sing.

II

The LORD is God ; 'tis he alone
Doth life and breath and being give :
We are his work, and not our own ;
The sheep that on his pastures live.

III

Enter his gates with songs of joy,
With praises to his courts repair ;
And make it your divine employ
To pay your thanks and honours there.

IV

The LORD is good, the LORD is kind ;
Great is his grace, his mercy sure :
And the whole race of man shall find
His truth from age to age endure.

HYMN II. L. M.

A paraphrase of the same.

I

SING to the LORD with joyful voice ;
 Let ev'ry land his name adore ;
 The British isles shall send the noise
 Across the ocean to the shore.

II

Nations, attend before his throne
 With solemn fear, with sacred joy :
 Know that the LORD is God alone ;
 He can create, and he destroy.

III

His sov'reign pow'r, without our aid,
 Made us of clay, and form'd us men ;
 And when like wand'ring sheep we stray'd,
 He brought us to his fold again.

IV

We are his people, we his care,
 Our souls and all our mortal frame :
 What lasting honours shall we rear,
 Almighty maker, to thy name ?

V

We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs ;
 High as the heav'ns our voices raise :
 And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
 Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.

VI Wide

VI

Wide as the world is thy command ;
Vast as eternity thy love ;
Firm as a rock thy truth must stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move.

HYMN III. L. M.

The one living and true God.

I

ETERNAL God, almighty cause
Of earth and seas and worlds unknown,
All things are subject to thy laws ;
All things depend on thee alone.

II

Thy glorious being singly stands,
Of all, within itself, possessest ;
By none controul'd in thy commands ;
And in thyself completely blest.

III

No other can thine honours claim,
No higher deities there are ;
No rivals bear thine awful name,
Nor fellow-gods thy glory share.

IV

In thee, O God, our hopes shall rest,
Fountain of peace and joy and love !
Thy favour only makes us blest,
Without thee all would nothing prove.

V

Worship to thee alone belongs,
 Worship to thee alone we give ;
 Thine be our hearts, and thine our songs,
 And to thy glory may we live !

VI

LORD, spread thy name thro' heathen lands,
 Their idol deities dethrone ;
 Subdue the world to thy commands,
 And reign, as thou art, God alone.

HYMN IV. L. M.

Praise for temporal blessings.

I

WE bless the LORD, the just, the good,
 Who fills our hearts with joy and food ;
 Who pours his blessings from the skies,
 And loads our days with rich supplies.

II

He sends the sun his circuit round,
 To cheer the fruits, to warm the ground :
 He bids the clouds, with plenteous rain,
 Refresh the thirsty earth again.

III

'Tis to his care we owe our breath,
 And all our near escapes from death :
 He helps the weak, and guards the strong ;
 Safety and health to God belong.

HYMN

HYMN V. C. M.

The immutability of God.

I

THRO' endless years thou art the same,
O ever blessed God !
Ages to come shall know thy name,
And tell thy works abroad.

II

The strong foundations of the earth
Of old by thee were laid ;
By thee the beauteous arch of heav'n
With matchless skill was made.

III

Soon shall this goodly frame of things,
Form'd by thy pow'rful hand,
Be, like a vesture, laid aside,
And chang'd at thy command.

IV

But thy perfections, all-divine,
Eternal as thy days,
Through everlasting ages shine
With undiminish'd rays.

V

Thy servants' children, still thy care,
Shall own their fathers' God ;
To latest times thy favour share,
And spread thy praise abroad.

HYMN VI. L. M.

God incomprehensible.

I

CAN creatures to perfection find
Th' eternal uncreated mind ?
Or can the largest stretch of thought
Measure and search thy nature out ?

II

'Tis high as heav'n, 'tis deep as hell ;
And what can mortals know or tell ?
Thy glory spreads beyond the sky
And all the shining worlds on high.

III

God is a king of pow'r unknown ;
Firm are the orders of his throne :
If he resolve, who dare oppose,
Or ask him why or what he does ?

IV

He wounds the heart, and he makes whole ;
He calms the tempest of the soul :
When he shuts up in long despair,
Who can remove the heavy bar ?

V

He frowns, and darkness veils the moon,
The fainting sun grows dim at noon :
The pillars of heav'n's starry roof
Tremble and start at his reproof.

HYMN VII. L. M.

The all-seeing God.

I

LORD, thou hast search'd and seen us thro';
Thine eye commands, with piercing view,
Our waking and our sleeping hours,
Our heart and flesh, with all their pow'rs.

II

Our thoughts, before they are our own,
Are to our God distinctly known :
He knows the words we mean to speak,
Ere from our op'ning lips they break.

III

Within thy circling pow'r we stand ;
On ev'ry side we find thy hand :
Awake, asleep, at home, abroad,
We are surrounded still with God.

IV

Amazing knowledge, vast and great !
What large extent ! what lofty height !
Our souls, with all the pow'rs they boast,
Are in the boundless prospect lost.

V

O may these thoughts possess our breast,
Where-e'er we rove, where-e'er we rest !
Nor let our weaker passions dare
Consent to sin ; for God is there.

HYMN VIII. C. M.

To God the creator.

I

GREAT first of beings! mighty Lord
Of all this wondrous frame!
Produc'd by thy creating word,
The world from nothing came.

II

Thy voice sent forth the high command;
'Twas instantly obey'd:
And through thy goodness all things stand,
Which by thy pow'r were made.

III

Thy glories shine throughout the whole,
Each part reflects thy light:
For thee, in course the planets roll,
And day succeeds the night.

IV

For thee, the sun disperses heat
And beams of cheering day:
The distant stars, in order set,
By night thy pow'r display.

V

For thee, the earth its produce yields;
For thee, the waters flow:
And various plants adorn the fields,
And trees aspiring grow.

VI Inspir'd

VI

Inspir'd with praise, may we pursue
This wise and noble end ;
And all we think, and all we do,
To thy true honour tend !

HYMN IX. C. M.

To God the creator and lord of all.

I

ALMIGHTY God ! thy pow'rful word
From nothing all things brought ;
Earth, seas, and skies, by thee, their lord,
With skill divine were wrought.

II

By thee preserv'd, the world remains
A proof of pow'r divine ;
Whatever this great whole contains,
By sov'reign right is thine.

III

Thou over all art lord supreme,
All things from thee derive :
No creature can dispute thy claim,
Or independent live.

IV

To thine all-gracious pow'r we bow ;
Our wills to thee resign :
Accept the praise ; accept the vow ;
We would be ever thine.

HYMN X. C. M.

To God the creator of mankind.

I

GOD of our lives, whose bounteous care
First gave us pow'r to move,
How shall our thankful hearts declare
The wonders of thy love ?

II

While void of thought and sense we lay,
Dust of our parent earth ;
Thy breath inform'd the sleeping clay,
And call'd us into birth.

III

From thee our limbs their fashion took ;
And, ere our life began,
Within the volume of thy book
Were written ev'ry one.

IV

Thine eye beheld in perfect view
The yet unfinish'd plan ;
Th' imperfect lines thy pencil drew,
And form'd the future man.

V

O may this frame, which rising grew
Beneath thy forming hands,
Be studious ever to pursue
Whate'er thy will commands !

HYMN XI. C.M.

The goodness of God.

I

SWEET is the mem'ry of thy grace,
O God, our heav'nly king :
Let age to age thy righteousness
In sounds of glory sing.

II

God reigns on high, but not confines
His goodness to the skies ;
Through the whole earth thy bounty shines,
And ev'ry want supplies.

III

With longing eyes thy creatures wait
On thee, for daily food ;
Thy lib'ral hand provides their meat,
And fills their mouths with good.

IV

How kind are thy compassions, LORD !
How slow thine anger moves !
But swiftly flies thy pard'ning word
To cheer the souls it loves.

V

All nature through its boundless space
Utters a grateful voice ;
But those who taste thy richer grace
In highest strains rejoice.

HYMN XII. L. M.

The daily goodness of God.

I

GREAT God ! how endless is thy love !
 Thy gifts are ev'ry ev'ning new ;
 And morning mercies from above
 Gently distil like early dew.

II

Thou spread'st the curtains of the night,
 Great guardian of our sleeping hours ;
 Thy sov'reign word restores the light,
 And quickens all our drowsy pow'rs.

III

We yield our pow'rs to thy command ;
 To thee we consecrate our days ;
 Perpetual blessings from thy hand
 Demand perpetual songs of praise.

HYMN XIII. L. M.

The goodness of God unchangeable.

I

ETERNAL source of ev'ry joy !
 Well may thy praise our lips employ,
 While in thy temple we appear :
 Thy goodness crowns the circling year.

II Wide

II

Wide as the earth and planets roll,
Thy hand supports and cheers the whole ;
By thee the sun is taught to rise,
And darkness when to veil the skies.

III

The flow'ry spring at thy command
Embalms the air and paints the land ;
The summer rays with vigour shine,
To raise the corn, and cheer the vine.

IV

Seasons and months, and weeks and days,
Demand successive hymns of praise :
Still be the cheerful homage paid,
With op'ning light and ev'ning shade.

V

O may our more harmonious tongues
In worlds unknown pursue the songs ;
And in those brighter courts adore,
Where days and years revolve no more !

HYMN XIV. C. M.

The eternal dominion of God.

I

GREAT God ! how infinite art thou !
How frail and weak are we !
Let ev'ry rank of being bow,
And pay their praise to thee.

II Thy

II

Thy throne eternal ages stood,
Ere earth or heav'ns were made ;
Thou art the ever-living God,
Were all the nations dead.

III

Nature and time quite naked lie
To thine immense survey,
From the formation of the sky,
To the great burning day.

IV

Eternity, with all its years,
Stands present in thy view ;
To thee there's nothing old appears ;
Great God ! there's nothing new.

V

Our lives through varying scenes are drawn,
And vext with trifling cares,
While thine eternal thought moves on
Thine undisturb'd affairs.

VI

Great God ! how infinite art thou !
How frail and weak are we !
Let every rank of being bow,
And pay their praise to thee.

HYMN XV. S. M.

Divine mercy.

I

O BLESS the LORD, our souls ;
Let all within us join,
And aid our tongues to bless his name,
Whose favours are divine.

II

O bless the LORD, our souls ;
Nor let his mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness,
And without praises die.

III

'Tis he forgives our sins,
'Tis he relieves our pain ;
'Tis he that heals our sicknesses,
And makes us strong again.

IV

He crowns our lives with love,
He rescues from the grave ;
He that redeems our souls from death,
From ev'ry ill can save.

V

He fills the poor with good,
He gives the suff'ers rest ;
His justice shall oppressors find,
His mercy the oppress.

VI His

VI

His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known ;
But sent the world his truth and grace
By his beloved son.

HYMN XVI. S. M.

The same.

I

GREAT God, we sing thy praise
Whose mercies are so great ;
Whose anger is so slow to rise,
So ready to abate.

II

High as the heav'ns are rais'd
Above the ground we tread,
So far the riches of thy grace
Our highest thoughts exceed.

III

Our days are as the grass,
Or like the morning flow'r ;
If one sharp blast sweep o'er the field,
It withers in an hour :

IV

But thy compassions, LORD,
To endless years endure ;
And ev'ry heart relenting finds
Thy promis'd mercy sure.

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HYMN XVII. C. M.

God kind and merciful.

I

LET ev'ry tongue thy goodness speak,
Thou sov'reign lord of all :
Thy strength'ning hands uphold the weak,
And raise the poor that fall.

II

When sorrow bows the spirit down,
Or virtue lies distrest
Beneath some proud oppressor's frown,
Thou giv'st the mourners rest.

III

Thy grace supports our tott'ring days,
And guides our giddy youth ;
Holy and just are all thy ways,
And all thy words are truth.

IV

Thou know'st the pains thy servants feel ;
Thou hear'st thy children's cry ;
And their best wishes to fulfill
Thou art for ever nigh.

V

Thy mercy never shall remove
From men of heart sincere,
From those whose fervent humble love
Is join'd with holy fear.

HYMN XVIII. C. M.

The compassion of God.

I

O THOU, the wretched's sure retreat,
Who dost our cares controul,
And with the cheerful smile of peace,
Revive the fainting soul!

II

Did ever thy relenting ear
The humble plea disdain?
Or when did plaintive mis'ry sigh
Or supplicate in vain?

III

Opprest with grief and shame, dissolv'd
In penitential tears,
Thy goodness calms our restless doubts,
And dissipates our fears.

IV

New life from thy refreshing grace
Our sinking hearts receive;
Thy gentlest best-lov'd attribute,
To pity and forgive.

HYMN XIX. C. M.

The wisdom of God in his works.

I

SONGS of immortal praise belong
To thee, almighty God!
To thee are due our heart, our tongue,
To spread thy name abroad.

II

How great the works thy hand has wrought!
How glorious in our sight!
And men in ev'ry age have sought
Thy wonders with delight.

III

How most exact is nature's frame!
How wise th' eternal mind!
Thy counsels never change the scheme
That thy first thoughts design'd.

IV

Nature and time, and earth and skies
Thy heav'nly skill proclaim:
What shall we do to make us wise,
But learn to read thy name?

V

To fear thy pow'r, to trust thy grace,
Is our divinest skill;
And he's the wisest of our race
That best obeys thy will.

HYMN XX. P. M.

The wisdom of God in his works.

I

GREAT God, the heav'n's well-order'd
frame

Declares the glories of thy name ;
There thy rich works of wonder shine :
A thousand starry beauties there,
A thousand radiant marks appear
Of boundless pow'r and skill divine.

II

From night to day, from day to night,
The dawning and the dying light
Lectures of heav'nly wisdom read :
With silent eloquence they raise
Our thoughts to the creator's praise,
And neither sound nor language need.

III

Yet their divine instructions run
Far as the journeys of the sun :
All nature joins to show thy praise.
Thus God in ev'ry creature shines :
Fair is the book of nature's lines,
But fairer is thy book of grace.

HYMN XXI. C. M.

The blessings of providence.

I

ALMIGHTY Father! gracious LORD!
Kind guardian of my days!
Thy mercies let my heart record
In songs of grateful praise.

II

In life's first dawn, my tender frame
Was thy indulgent care,
Long ere I could pronounce thy name,
Or breathe the infant pray'r.

III

When reason with my stature grew,
How weak her brightest ray!
How little of my God I knew!
How apt from thee to stray!

IV

Around my path when dangers rose,
When snares o'er-spread my road,
What pow'r could guard me from my foes,
But my preserver, God?

V

When life hung trembling on a breath,
'Twas thine unceasing love
That sav'd me from impending death,
And bade my fears remove.

VI LORD,

VI

LORD, when this mortal frame decays,
And ev'ry weakness dies,
Complete the wonders of thy grace,
And raise me to the skies.

VII

THEN shall my joyful pow'rs unite
In more exalted lays ;
And join the happy sons of light
In everlasting praise.

HYMN XXII. L. M.

Divine providence.

I

THROUGH all the various shifting scene
Of life's mistaken ill or good,
Thy hand, O God, conducts, unseen,
The beautiful vicissitude.

II

THOU givest with a father's care,
Howe'er unjustly we complain,
To each their necessary share
Of joy and sorrow, health and pain.

III

ALL things on earth and all in heav'n
On thine eternal will depend ;
And all for greater good were giv'n,
Would man pursue th' appointed end.

IV Be

IV

Be this our care ; to all beside
Indiff'rent let our wishes be :
Passion be calm, abash'd be pride,
And fixt our souls, O God, on thee.

HYMN XXIII. L. M.

The perfections and providence of God.

I

HIGH in the heav'ns, eternal God,
Thy goodness in full glory shines ;
Thy truth shall break through every cloud
Which veils and darkens thy designs.

II

For ever firm thy justice stands,
As mountains their foundations keep ;
Wise are the wonders of thy hands,
Thy judgements are a mighty deep.

III

Thy providence is kind and large ;
Both man and beast thy bounty share ;
The whole creation is thy charge ;
The good are thy peculiar care.

IV

O God, how excellent thy grace,
Whence all our hope and comfort springs !
The sons of Adam in distress
Fly to the shadow of thy wings.

HYMN

HYMN XXIV. P. M.

Confidence in the divine protection.

I

THE LORD my pasture shall prepare,
And feed me with a shepherd's care :
His presence shall my wants supply,
And guard me with a watchful eye ;
My noon-day walks he shall attend,
And all my midnight hours defend.

II

When in the sultry glebe I faint,
Or on the thirsty mountains pant,
To fertile vales and dewy meads
My weary wand'ring steps he leads,
Where peaceful rivers soft and slow
Amid the verdant landscape flow.

III

Though in a bare and rugged way,
Through devious lonely wilds I stray ;
Thy presence shall my pains beguile,
The barren wilderness shall smile
With sudden greens and herbage crown'd,
And streams shall murmur all around.

IV

Though in the paths of death I tread
With gloomy horrors overspread,
My steadfast heart shall fear no ill,
For thou, O LORD, art with me still ;
Thy friendly arm shall give me aid,
And guide me through the dismal shade.

HYMN XXV. L. M.

Dependence upon providence.

I

GREAT LORD of earth, and seas, and skies,
Thy wealth the needy world supplies ;
On thee alone the whole depends,
Thy care to ev'ry part extends.

II

To thee perpetual thanks we owe,
For all our comforts here below :
Our daily bread thy bounty gives,
And ev'ry rising want relieves.

III

The wastes of life thy pow'r repairs,
Thy mercy stills tempestuous cares ;
And safe beneath thy guardian arm
We live secur'd from ev'ry harm.

IV

To thee we cheerful homage bring ;
In grateful hymns thy praises sing ;
Direct to thee our waiting eyes,
And humbly look for fresh supplies

V

We still are indigent and poor,
Indebted much, yet lacking more :
On thee we ever will depend,
The rich, the sure, the faithful friend.

VI

And should thy measures seem severe,
Calmly may we thy chast'ning bear;
Without complaint to thee submit,
Th' unerring judge of what is fit.

HYMN XXVI. C. M.

Habitual devotion.

I

WHILE thee I seek, protecting pow'r,
Be my vain wishes still'd;
And may this consecrated hour
With better hopes be fill'd.

II

Thy love the pow'rs of thought bestow'd;
To thee my thoughts would soar;
Thy mercy o'er my life has flow'd:—
That mercy I adore!

III

In each event of life, how clear
Thy ruling hand I see!
Each blessing to my soul more dear,
Because conferr'd by thee.

IV

In ev'ry joy that crowns my days,
In ev'ry pain I bear,
My heart shall find delight in praise,
Or seek relief in pray'r.

v When

V

When gladness wings my favour'd hour,
 Thy love my thoughts shall fill :
 Resign'd, when storms of sorrow low'r,
 My soul shall meet thy will.

HYMN XXVII. L. M.

To God the preserver.

I

THE earth and all the heav'nly frame
 Their great creator's love proclaim ;
 He gives the sun his genial pow'r,
 And sends the soft refreshing show'r.

II

The ground with plenty blooms again,
 And yields her various fruits to men ;
 To men, who from thy bounteous hand
 Receive the gifts of ev'ry land.

III

Nor to the human race alone
 Is thy paternal goodness shown ;
 The tribes of earth and sea and air
 Partake thine universal care.

IV

Not e'en a sparrow yields its breath
 Till God permits the stroke of death :
 He hears the ravens when they call,
 The source of life and joy to all.

HYMN XXVIII. C. M.

To God our preserver.

I

GREAT God! to thee our grateful tongues
United thanks shall raise :
Inspire our hearts to tune the songs
Which celebrate thy praise !

II

From thine almighty forming hand
We drew our vital pow'rs :
Our time revolves at thy command
In all its circling hours.

III

Thy pow'r, our ever-present guard,
From ev'ry ill defends :
While num'rous dangers hover round,
Our help from thee descends.

IV

Beneath the shadow of thy wings
How sweet is our repose !
The morning light renews the springs
From whence our comfort flows.

V

In celebration of thy praise
We would employ our breath ;
And, walking steadfast in thy ways,
Will triumph ev'n in death.

HYMN XXIX. C. M.

Preserving goodness acknowledged.

I

HOW are thy servants blest, O LORD !

How sure is their defence !

Eternal wisdom is their guide,

Their help omnipotence.

II

In foreign realms and lands remote,

Supported by thy care,

Through burning climes they pass unhurt,

And breathe in tainted air.

III

Thy mercy sweetens ev'ry toil,

Makes ev'ry region please ;

The hoary frozen hills it warms,

And smooths the boist'rous seas.

IV

When by the dreadful tempest borne

High on the broken wave ;

They know thou art not slow to hear,

Nor impotent to save.

V

The storm is laid, the winds retire

Obedient to thy will :

The sea, that roars at thy command,

At thy command is still.

VI

In midst of dangers, fears, and death,
Thy goodness we'll adore ;
And praise thee for thy mercies past,
And humbly hope for more.

VII

Our life, while thou preserv'st that life,
Thy sacrifice shall be ;
May death, whenever death shall come,
Unite us, LORD ! to thee.

HYMN XXX. P. M.

God our father and our friend.

I

THE LORD, Jehovah, reigns,
His throne is built on high ;
The garments he assumes
Are light and majesty :
His glories shine
With beams so bright,
No mortal eye
Can bear the sight.

II

The thunders of his hand
Keep the wide world in awe ;
His truth and justice stand
To guard his holy law :

And

And where his love
Resolves to bless,
His truth confirms
And seals the grace.

III

And will this gracious king
Of glory condescend?
Will he declare himself
“ Our father and our friend ? ”
We love his name,
We love his word ;
Join, all our pow’rs,
To praise the LORD.

HYMN XXXI. L. M.

An evening hymn.

I

THUS far the LORD has led me on ;
Thus far his pow’r prolongs my days ;
And ev’ry ev’ning shall make known
Some fresh memorial of his grace.

II

Much of my time has run to waste,
And I perhaps am near my home :
But he forgives my follies past,
And gives me strength for days to come.

III I lay

III

I lay my body down to sleep ;
 Peace is the pillow of my head ;
 His ever-watchful eye shall keep
 Its constant guard around my bed.

IV

Faith in his name forbids my fear :
 O may thy presence ne'er depart !
 And in the morning may I bear
 Thy loving kindness on my heart !

V

Thus, when the night of death shall come,
 My flesh shall rest beneath the ground,
 And wait thy voice to rouse my tomb,
 With sweet salvation in the sound.

HYMN XXXII. L. M.

The all-seeing God.

I

COULD we so false, so faithless prove,
 To quit thy service and thy love,
 Where, **LORD**, could we thy presence shun,
 Or from thy dreadful glory run ?

II

If mounted on a morning-ray
 We fly beyond the western sea,
 Thy swifter hand would first arrive,
 And there arrest the fugitive.

III Or

III

Or should we try to shun thy sight
 Beneath the spreading veil of night,
 One glance of thine, one piercing ray,
 Would kindle darkness into day.

IV

The veil of night is no disguise,
 No screen from thine all-searching eyes ;
 Thy hand can seize thy foes as soon
 Through midnight-shades as blazing noon.

V

O may these thoughts possess our breast,
 Where'er we rove, where'er we rest !
 Nor let our weaker passions dare
 Consent to sin ; for God is there.

HYMN XXXIII. C. M.

The being, omnipresence, and providence of God.

I

GREAT God, how vast is thine abode !
 Mysterious are thy ways ;
 Unseen thy footsteps in the air,
 And trackless in the seas.

II

Yet the whole peopled world bespeaks
 Thy being and thy pow'r,
 Midst the resplendent blaze of day,
 The awful midnight hour.

III

Nor all the peopled worlds alone,
 Rich fields and verdant plains—
 But lonely wilds by man untrod,
 Where silent horror reigns.

IV

Tempests and storms that sweep the sky,
 And cataracts sublime ;
 Volcanoes, earthquakes, hurricanes,
 That waste the torrid clime :

V

Vast caverns deep, and cloud-topt hills,
 Huge mountains rude and bare,
 Terrific rocks, and swelling waves—
 Thy grandeur all declare.

VI

Through all creation's widest range
 The hand of heav'n is near :
 Where'er I wander in the world,
 Lo ! God is present there.

HYMN XXXIV. C. M.

Protection and praise.

I

LET songs of praise from all below,
 To thee, O God ! ascend,
 Whose bounties unexhausted flow,
 Whose mercies know no end.

II But

II

But chief by them that debt be paid,
Midst dangers circling round,
Who still in thy almighty aid
Have some protection found.

III

The wand'ring exile, doom'd to stray
O'er many a desert wide ;
Who fearless takes his lonely way,
With God his guard and guide :

IV

The mariner, who tempts the sea
When storms impending low'r,
Or tempests rage—yet trusts in thee,
And owns thy mighty pow'r :

V

The wretch who, press'd by countless woes,
That no cessation see,
Still bids his steadfast hope repose,
Almighty LORD ! on thee :—

VI

All, all shall join to bless thy name,
Whose heav'nly aid they prove :
As all have felt, let all proclaim
Thy boundless pow'r and love.

HYMN XXXV. C. M.

Praise to the great and good God.

I

GREAT art thou, LORD, thy pow'r unknown,
And let thy praise be great :
We'll sing the honours of thy throne,
Thy works of grace repeat.

II

Thy grace shall dwell upon our tongues ;
And while our lips rejoice,
The men who hear our sacred songs
Shall join their cheerful voice.

III

Fathers to sons shall teach thy name,
And children learn thy ways ;
Ages to come thy truth proclaim,
And nations sound thy praise.

IV

Thy glorious deeds of ancient date
Shall through the world be known :
Thine arm of pow'r, thy heav'nly state
With public splendour shown.

V

The world is govern'd by thy hands,
Thy people rul'd by love :
And thine eternal kingdom stands,
Though rocks and hills remove.

HYMN XXXVI. L. M.

Universal praise to God.

I

O GOD, our king, may thy just praise
Be our delight in future days ;
Thy grace employ our humble tongue,
Till death and glory raise the song.

II

The wings of ev'ry hour shall bear
Some thankful tribute to thine ear ;
And ev'ry setting sun shall see
New acts of duty paid to thee.

III

Thy truth and justice we proclaim ;
Thy bounty flows, an endless stream ;
Thy mercy swift, thine anger slow
But dreadful to the stubborn foe.

IV

Thy works with sov'reign glory shine,
And speak thy majesty divine :
Let *Britain* round her shores proclaim
The sound and honour of thy name.

V

Let distant times and nations raise
The long succession of thy praise ;
And unborn ages make our song
The joy and labour of their tongue.

VI But

VI

But who can speak thy wondrous deeds ?
 Thy greatness all our thoughts exceeds :
 Vast and unsearchable thy ways,
 Vast and immortal be thy praise.

HYMN XXXVII. P. M.

Praise to God the eternal king.

I

JEHOVAH reigns, let ev'ry nation hear,
 And at his footstool bow with holy fear;
 He rules with wide and absolute command
 O'er the wide ocean and the steadfast land;
 He fills all space : let no inferior nature
 Usurp, or share, the praise of the creator.

II

This goodly world, in countless beauties
 gay,
 Though built by God's right-hand, must
 pass away ;
 Oblivion soon must creep o'er mortal
 things,
 The fates of empires, and the pride of
 kings ;
 Eternal night shall veil their proudest story,
 And cast her curtain o'er all human glory.

III But

III

But fix'd, O God, for ever stands thy
 throne ;
 Jehovah reigns, immortal and alone ;
 So vast a theme our highest strains debase,
 And silence may be less injurious praise ;
 In stillness of the soul bow down before him,
 And deep within your inmost hearts adore
 him.

HYMN XXXVIII. L. M.

The one only true God.

I

NOT to ourselves, who are but dust,
 Not to ourselves is glory due :
 Glory be thine, thou only just,
 Thou only gracious, wise, and true.

II

Diffuse the knowledge of thy name,
 Nor let the heathen's haughty tongue
 Insult us, and, to raise our shame,
 Say, "Where's the God you've serv'd so
 long?"

III

The God we serve maintains his throne
 Above the clouds, beyond the skies :
 Through all the earth his will be done ;
 He knows our griefs, he hears our cries.

IV But

IV

But the vain idols they adore,
Unconscious of their worship stand ;
From wood or stone, or glitt'ring ore,
Created by the workman's hand.

V

Thy name, O LORD ! our hope we make ;
Thou art our refuge and our rest :
Thy people thou wilt ne'er forsake,
But all who fear thee shall be blest.

VI

The dead no more can speak thy praise ;
But thou from silence and the grave
Thy sleeping servants, LORD, wilt raise,
And show the world thy pow'r to save.

HYMN XXXIX. L. M.

Praise for protection, grace, and truth.

I

O GOD, in whom are all the springs
From which our comforts can arise,
We seek the shadow of thy wings,
When gath'ring clouds obscure the skies.

II

To heav'n we raise our suppliant eye,
Thou, LORD, wilt our desires perform ;
All needful aid and strength supply,
Or save us from the threat'ning storm.

III Our

III

Our heart is fix'd : our song shall raise
Immortal honours to thy name ;
Awake, our tongue, to sound thy praise ;
Our tongue, the glory of our frame.

IV

High o'er the earth thy mercy reigns,
And reaches to the utmost sky ;
Thy truth to endless years remains,
When lower worlds dissolve and die.

HYMN XL. C. M.

Praise for God's providential care.

I

LORD, how thy wonders are display'd
Where'er we turn our eye !
If we survey the ground we tread,
Or gaze upon the sky.

II

There's not a plant or flow'r below,
But makes thy glories known ;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from thy throne.

III

Creatures (as num'rous as they be)
Are subject to thy care :
There's not a place where we can flee,
But God is present there.

iv Thy

IV

Thy hand is our perpetual guard,
 Thou keep'st us with thine eye :
 Why should we then forget thee, **LORD**,
 Who art for ever nigh ?

HYMN XLI. L. M.

Praise to God for his universal care and goodness.

I

VAST are thy works, almighty **LORD** !
 All nature rests upon thy word ;
 And the whole race of creatures stands
 Waiting their portion from thy hands.

II

While each receives his diff'rent food,
 Their cheerful looks pronounce it good ;
 And man and beast, and fish and worm,
 Rejoice and praise in diff'rent form.

III

But when thy face is hid, they mourn,
 And dying, to their dust return ;
 Both man and beast their life resign ;
 For life, and being—all are thine.

IV

Yet thou canst breathe on dust again,
 Raise a new race of beasts and men ;
 A word of thy creating breath
 Repairs the wastes of time and death.

v Thy

V

Thy hand in all, O God, we see,
The universe is full of thee ;
Thy praises shall our breath employ,
Thy praise be our sublimest joy.

HYMN XLII. S. M.

God's sovereignty and goodness to man.

I

O LORD, our heav'nly king,
Thy name is all divine :
Thy glories round the earth are spread,
And o'er the heav'ns they shine.

II

When to thy works above
We raise our wond'ring eyes,
And see the moon complete in light,
Adorn the darksome skies :

III

When we survey the stars,
That fill the vaulted sky ;
LORD, what is man, that he should stand
In thy regards so high ?

IV

Or, what the son of man,
That he should be thy care,
And in the bounties of thy grace
Possess so large a share ?

v How

V

How rich thy favours are !
 And wondrous are thy ways :
 Of dust and worms thy pow'r can frame
 A monument of praise.

HYMM XLIII. C. M.

Gratitude to God.

I

WHEN all thy mercies, O my God,
 My rising soul surveys ;
 Transported with the view, I'm lost
 In wonder, love, and praise.

II

O how shall words with equal warmth
 The gratitude declare,
 Which glows within my ravish'd heart ?
 But thou canst read it there.

III

Thy providence my life sustain'd,
 And all my wants redress'd,
 When in the silent womb I lay,
 And hung upon the breast.

IV

To all my weak complaints and cries
 Thy mercy lent an ear,
 Ere yet my feeble thoughts had learn'd
 To form themselves in pray'r.

v Unnum-

V

Unnumber'd comforts on my soul
Thy tender care bestow'd,
Before my infant heart conceiv'd
From whence those comforts flow'd.

VI

When in the slippery paths of youth
With heedless steps I ran,
Thine arm unseen convey'd me safe,
And led me up to man.

VII

Through hidden dangers, toils, and deaths,
It gently clear'd my way ;
And through the pleasing snares of vice,
More to be fear'd than they.

PAUSE.

VIII

When worn with sickness, oft hast thou
With health renew'd my face ;
And, when in sin and sorrow sunk,
Reviv'd my soul with grace.

IX

Thy bounteous hand with worldly bliss
Hath made my cup run o'er ;
And, in a kind and faithful friend,
Hath doubled all my store.

X

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
 My daily thanks employ ;
 Nor is the least a cheerful heart,
 That tastes those gifts with joy.

XI

Through ev'ry period of my life
 Thy goodness I'll pursue ;
 And, after death, in distant worlds
 The glorious theme renew.

XII

When nature fails, and day and night
 Divide thy works no more,
 My ever-grateful heart, O LORD,
 Thy mercy shall adore.

XIII

Through all eternity to thee
 A joyful song I'll raise ;
 For, oh ! eternity alone
 Can utter all thy praise.

HYMN XLIV. C. M.

Thanks to God for preservation.

I

TO heav'n we lift our waiting eyes,
 There all our hopes are laid :
 The LORD, that built the earth and skies,
 Is our perpetual aid.

II Their

II

Their feet shall never slide to fall,
Whom thou dost love to keep ;
Thine ear attends the softest call ;
Thine eyes can never sleep.

III

Thou wilt sustain our weakest pow'rs
With thine almighty arm,
And watch our most unguarded hours
Against surprising harm.

IV

Mortals, rejoice, and rest secure,
Your keeper is the LORD ;
His wakeful eyes employ his pow'r
For your eternal guard.

V

Nor scorching sun, nor sickly moon,
Shall have its leave to smite ;
He shields your head from burning noon,
From blasting damps at night.

VI

He guards your souls, he keeps your breath,
Where thickest dangers come :
Go and return, secure from death,
Till God commands you home.

HYMN XLV. C. M.

The example of Jesus.

I

BEHOLD, where in a mortal form
Appears each grace divine ;
The virtues all in Jesus met,
With mildest radiance shine.

II

To spread the rays of heav'nly light,
To give the mourner joy,
To preach glad tidings to the poor,
Was his divine employ.

III

Lowly in heart, to all his friends
A friend and servant found,
He wash'd their feet, he wip'd their tears,
And heal'd each bleeding wound.

IV

Midst keen reproach, and cruel scorn,
Patient and meek he stood ;
His foes, ungrateful, sought his life ;
He labour'd for their good.

V

To God he left his righteous cause,
And still his task pursu'd ;
While humble pray'r and holy faith
His fainting strength renew'd.

VI

In the last hour of deep distress,
Before his Father's throne,
With soul resign'd he bow'd, and said
"Thy will, not mine, be done!"

VII

Be Christ our pattern, and our guide!
His image may we bear!
O may we tread his holy steps,
His joy and glory share!

HYMN XLVI. L. M.

Thanks for temporal and spiritual mercies.

I

GIVE thanks to God; he reigns above;
Kind are his thoughts, his name is love.
His mercy ages past have known,
And ages long to come shall own.

II

He feeds and clothes us ev'ry day,
He guides our footsteps lest we stray;
He guards us with a pow'rful hand,
And brings us to the heav'nly land.

III

O let the saints with joy record
The truth and goodness of the LORD!
How great thy works! how kind thy ways!
Let ev'ry tongue pronounce thy praise.

HYMN XLVII. L. M.

God always in all things to be acknowledged.

I

GREAT God! our joyful thanks to thee
Shall, like thy gifts, continual be :
In constant streams thy bounty flows,
Nor end nor intermission knows.

II

Thy kindness all our comforts gives,
Our num'rous wants thine hand relieves :
Nor can we ever, LORD, be poor,
Who live on thine exhaustless store.

III

If, what we wish, thy will denies,
'Tis because thou art good and wise :
Afflictions, which may make us mourn,
Thou canst, thou dost, to blessings turn.

IV

Deep, LORD, upon our thankful breast
Let all thy favours be imprest ;
That we may never more forget
The sum, or any single debt.

V

May we with grateful hearts, each day,
For daily gifts, our praises pay ;
Delighted may we always be,
In all things to give thanks to thee !

HYMN XLVIII. P. M.

Praise to God in prosperity and adversity.

I

PRAISE to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days ;
Bounteous source of ev'ry joy,
Let thy praise our tongues employ,

II

For the blessings of the field,
For the stores the gardens yield,
For the vine's exalted juice,
For the gen'rous olive's use :

III

Flocks that whiten all the plain,
Yellow sheaves of ripen'd grain ;
Clouds that drop their fatt'ning dews ;
Suns that temp'rate warmth diffuse :

IV

All that spring with bounteous hand
Scatters o'er the smiling land :
All that lib'ral autumn pours
From her rich o'erflowing stores :

V

These to thee, our God, we owe ;
Source whence all our blessings flow !
And for these, our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

VI

Yet, should rising whirlwinds tear
 From its stem the rip'ning ear ;
 Should the fig-tree's blasted shoot
 Drop her green untimely fruit ;

VII

Should the vine put forth no more,
 Nor the olive yield her store ;
 Though the sick'ning flocks should fall,
 And the herds desert the stall :

VIII

Should thine alter'd hand restrain
 The early and the later rain ;
 Blast each op'ning bud of joy,
 And the rising year destroy :

IX

Yet to thee our souls shall raise
 Grateful vows, and solemn praise ;
 And, when ev'ry blessing's flown,
 Love thee, for thyself alone.

HYMN XLIX. C. M.

The peculiar goodness of God to his servants.

I

WITH pleasing wonder, LORD, we view
 The bounties of thy grace ;
 How much bestow'd, how much reserv'd,
 For those who seek thy face.

II Thy

II

Thy lib'ral hand with worldly bliss
Oft makes their cup run o'er ;
And in the cov'nant of thy love
They find diviner store.

III

For them rich treasures, yet unknown,
Are stor'd in worlds to come ;
Peaceful and pleasant is their way,
And happy is their home.

HYMN L. L. M.

God the lord of nature.

I

WITH glory clad, with strength array'd,
The LORD, who o'er all nature reigns,
The world's foundations strongly laid,
And the vast fabric still sustains.

II

How surely 'stablish'd is thy throne !
Which shall no change or period see ;
For thou, O LORD, and thou alone,
Art God from all eternity.

III

The floods, O LORD, lift up their voice,
And toss the troubled waves on high ;
But God above can still their noise,
And make the angry sea comply.

iv Thy

IV

Thy promise, LORD, is ever sure ;
 And they who in thy house would dwell,
 That happy station to secure,
 Must still in holiness excell.

HYMN LI. S. M.

The book of nature and scripture.

I

BEHOLD, the lofty sky
 Declares its maker God,
 And all his starry works on high
 Proclaim his pow'r abroad.

II

The darkness and the light
 Still keep their course the same ;
 While night to day, and day to night,
 Divinely teach his name.

III

In ev'ry diff'rent land
 Their gen'ral voice is known ;
 They show the wonders of his hand,
 And orders of his throne.

IV

Ye christian lands, rejoice ;
 To you his truth is giv'n ;
 You are not left to nature's voice
 To teach the path to heav'n.

v But

V

But boundless as thy grace,
Such, LORD, be our return ;
Never may we thy truth debase,
Nor from thy precepts turn.

HYMN LII. S. M.

God's word most excellent.

I

BEHOLD, the morning sun
Begins his glorious way :
His beams through all the nations run,
And life and light convey.

II

But where the gospel comes,
It spreads diviner light ;
It calls dead sinners from their tombs,
And gives the blind their sight.

III

How perfect is thy word,
And all thy judgements just !
For ever sure thy promise, LORD,
Which we securely trust.

IV

O gracious God, how plain
Are thy directions giv'n !
O may we never read in vain,
But find the path to heav'n !

HYMN LIII. S. M.

Desire of instruction.

I

WE hear thy word with love,
And we would fain obey ;
Send thy good spirit from above
To guide us, lest we stray.

II

While with our heart and tongue
We spread thy praise abroad ;
Accept the worship and the song,
Our father and our God !

HYMN LIV. L. M.

The glory and success of the gospel.

I

THE heav'ns declare thy glory, **LORD** ;
In ev'ry star thy wisdom shines ;
But when our eyes behold thy word,
We read thy name in fairer lines.

II

The rolling sun, the changing light,
And nights and days thy pow'r confess ;
But the blest book of holy writ
Reveals thy justice and thy grace.

III Sun,

III

Sun, moon, and stars, convey thy praise
Round the whole earth, and never stand :
So, when thy truth began its race,
It touch'd and glanc'd on ev'ry land.

IV

Nor shall thy spreading gospel rest,
Till through the world thy truth has run ;
Till Christ has all the nations blest
That see the light or feel the sun.

HYMN LV. L. M.

The Author of our comforts, deliverances, and hopes.

I

GREAT source of life ! our souls confess
The various riches of thy grace ;
Crown'd with thy mercy, we rejoice,
And in thy praise exalt our voice.

II

By thee the vault of heav'n was spread ;
By thee the earth's foundations laid ;
And all the scenes of man's abode
Proclaim a wise and gracious God.

III

Thy quick'ning hand restores our breath,
When trembling on the verge of death,
Gently it wipes away our tears,
And lengthens life to future years.

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IV Our

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Our lives are sacred to the LORD :
 Kindled by him, by him restor'd ;
 And while our hours renew their race,
 May sin no more these hours disgrace !

V

So when, at length, by thee we're led
 Through unknown regions of the dead,
 With hope triumphant may we move
 To scenes of nobler life above !

HYMN LVI. C. M.

The peace of the grave.

I

HOW still and peaceful is the grave !
 Where, life's vain tumults past,
 Th' appointed house, by Heav'n's decree,
 Receives us all at last.

II

The wicked there from troubling cease,
 Their passions rage no more ;
 And there the weary pilgrim rests
 From all the toils he bore.

III

There rest the pris'ners, now releas'd
 From slav'ry's sad abode :
 No more they hear th' oppressor's voice,
 Or dread the tyrant's rod.

IV There

IV

There servants, masters, small and great,
Partake the same repose ;
And there in peace the ashes mix
Of those who once were foes.

V

All level'd by the hand of death,
Lie sleeping in the tomb ;
Till God in judgement call them forth
To meet their final doom.

HYMN LVII. S. M.

A psalm before sermon.

I

COME, sound his praise abroad,
And hymns of glory sing :
Jehovah is the sov'reign God,
The universal king

II

He form'd the deeps unknown ;
He gave the seas their bound :
The wat'ry worlds are all his own,
And all the solid ground.

III

Come, worship at his throne ;
Come, bow before the LORD :
We are his works, and not our own,
He form'd us by his word.

iv To-day

IV

To-day attend his voice,
Nor dare provoke his rod ;
Come, like the people of his choice,
And own your gracious God.

HYMN LVIII. L. M.

Paraphrase of the Lord's prayer.

I

FATHER, ador'd in worlds above !
Thy glorious name be hallow'd still :
Thy kingdom come with pow'r and love,
And earth like heav'n obey thy will.

II

LORD ! make our daily wants thy care ;
Forgive the sins which we forsake ;
O let us in thy kindness share,
As fellow-men of ours partake.

III

Evils beset us ev'ry hour !
Thy kind protection we implore :
Thine is the kingdom, thine the pow'r :
Be thine the glory evermore !

HYMN LIX. C. M.

The blessedness of saints, and misery of sinners.

I

BLEST are the undefil'd in heart,
Whose ways are right and clean ;
Who never from thy law depart,
But fly from ev'ry sin.

II

Blest are the men that keep thy word,
And practise thy commands :
With their whole heart they seek thee, LORD,
Most happy in thy hands.

III

Great is their peace who love thy law ;
How firm their souls abide !
Nor can a bold temptation draw
Their steady feet aside.

IV

Then shall my heart have inward joy,
My face be kept from shame,
When all thy statutes I obey,
And honour all thy name.

HYMN LX. L. M.

God our helper.

FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY.

I

MY helper God ! I bless his name ;
The same his pow'r, his grace the same :
The tokens of his friendly care
Open, and crown, and close the year.

II

I midst ten thousand dangers stand,
Supported by his guardian hand ;
And see, when I survey my ways,
Ten thousand monuments of praise.

III

Thus far his arm hath led me on ;
Thus far I make his mercy known ;
And while I tread this desert land,
New blessings shall new songs demand.

IV

My grateful soul on life's last shore
Shall raise one sacred pillar more :
Then bear in his bright courts above,
Inscriptions of immortal love.

HYMN LXI. C. M.

Professions of sincerity, repentance, and obedience.

I

THOU art my portion, gracious God :
Soon as I know thy way,
My heart resolves t' obey thy word,
And suffers no delay.

II

I choose the path of heav'nly truth,
And glory in my choice ;
Not all the riches of the earth
Could make me so rejoice.

III

The testimonies of thy grace
I set before mine eyes :
Thence I derive my daily strength,
And there my comfort lies.

IV

If once I wander from thy path,
I think upon my ways ;
Then turn my feet to thy commands,
And trust thy pard'ning grace.

V

Now I am thine, for ever thine,
O save thy servant, LORD ;
Thou art my shield, my hiding-place,
My hope is in thy word.

VI Thou

VI

Thou hast inclin'd this heart of mine
Thy statutes to fulfill:
And thus, till mortal life shall end,
Would I perform thy will.

HYMN LXII. C. M.

Instruction from scripture.

I

HOW shall the young, O LORD, their hearts
And lives from sin secure?
Thy word the choicest rules imparts
To keep the conscience pure.

II

When once it enters to the mind,
It spreads such light abroad,
The meanest souls instruction find,
And raise their thoughts to God.

III

'Tis like the sun, a heav'nly light,
That guides us all the day;
And, through the dangers of the night,
A lamp to lead our way.

IV

Thy precepts make us truly wise
The sinner's path to flee,
To check whate'er vain thoughts arise,
And walk, O God, with thee.

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HYMN LXIII. C. M.

Christian charity.

I

BLEST is the man whose soft'ning heart
Feels all another's pain ;
To whom the supplicating eye
Was never rais'd in vain :

II

Whose breast expands with gen'rous warmth
A stranger's woe to feel ;
And bleeds in pity o'er the wound
He wants the pow'r to heal.

III

He spreads his kind supporting arms
To ev'ry child of grief :
His secret bounty largely flows,
And brings unask'd relief.

IV

To gentle offices of love
His feet are never slow :
He views through mercy's melting eye
A brother in a foe.

V

To him protection shall be shown,
And mercy from above
Descend on those who thus fulfill
The perfect law of love.

HYMN LXIV. C. M.

The excellency and variety of scripture.

I

LORD, we have made thy word our choice,
Our lasting heritage ;
In this our noblest pow'rs rejoice,
Our warmest thoughts engage.

II

We'll read the hist'ries of thy love,
And keep thy laws in sight,
While through thy promises we rove
With ever-fresh delight.

III

'Tis a broad land, of wealth unknown,
Where springs of life arise,
Seeds of immortal bliss are sown,
And hidden glory lies.

IV

The best relief that mourners have,
It makes our sorrows blest ;
Extends our hope beyond the grave,
To heav'n's eternal rest.

HYMN LXV. C. M.

Desire of knowledge.

I

THY mercies fill the earth, O LORD,
How good thy works appear !
Open our eyes to read thy word,
And see thy wonders there.

II

Our hearts were fashion'd by thy hand ;
Our service is thy due :
O make thy servants understand
The duties they must do.

III

Since we are strangers here below,
Let not thy path be hid ;
But mark the road our feet should go,
And be our constant guide.

IV

When we confess'd our wand'ring ways,
Thou heard'st our souls complain ;
Grant us the teachings of thy grace,
Or we shall stray again.

V

If God to us his statutes show,
And heav'nly truth impart,
His work for ever we'll pursue,
His law shall rule our heart.

VI This

VI

This was our comfort when we bore,
Variety of grief ;
It made us learn thy word the more,
And fly to that relief.

VII

When we have learn'd our Father's will,
We'll teach the world his ways :
Our thankful lips, inspir'd with zeal,
Shall loud pronounce his praise.

HYMN LXVI. C. M.

Breathing after holiness.

I

O THAT the LORD would guide my ways,
To keep his statutes still !
O that my God would grant me grace
To know and do his will !

II

In deepest characters impress
Thy law upon my heart ;
Nor let my tongue the truth transgress,
Nor act the sland'r's part.

III

From vanity turn off mine eyes ;
Let no corrupt design
Nor covetous desires arise
Within this soul of mine.

IV Order

IV

Order my footsteps by thy word,
And make my heart sincere ;
Let sin have no dominion, LORD,
But keep my conscience clear.

V

Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep ;
And since I've not forgot thy way,
Restore thy wand'ring sheep.

VI

Make me to walk in thy commands ;
'Tis a delightful road ;
Nor let my head, or heart, or hands,
Offend against my God.

HYMN LXVII. L. M.

Meekness.

I

HAPPY the meek, whose gentle breast,
Clear as the summer's ev'ning ray,
Calm as the regions of the blest,
Enjoys on earth celestial day !

II

His heart no broken friendships sting,
No jars his peaceful tent invade ;
He rests beneath th' almighty wing,
Hostile to none, of none afraid.

HYMN LXVIII. C. M.

The comforts of religion.

I

WHEN gloomy thoughts and boding fears
The trembling heart invade,
And all the face of nature wears
An universal shade :

II

Religion's dictates can assuage
The tempest of the soul ;
And ev'ry storm shall cease to rage
At her divine control.

III

Through life's bewilder'd darksome way
Her hand unerring leads ;
And o'er the path her heav'nly ray
A cheering lustre sheds.

IV

When feeble reason, tir'd and blind,
Sinks helpless and afraid ;
Thou blest supporter of the mind,
How pow'rful is thine aid !

V

O let my heart confess thy pow'r,
And find thy sweet relief,
To brighten every gloomy hour,
And soften every grief.

HYMN LXIX. L. M.

A good conscience the best support.

I

WHILE some in folly's pleasures roll,
And court the joys which hurt the soul;
Be mine, that silent calm repast,
A peaceful conscience, to the last :—

II

That tree which bears immortal fruit,
Without a canker at the root ;
That friend, who never fails the just,
When other friends betray their trust.

III

With this companion in the shade,
My soul no more shall be dismay'd ;
But fearless meet the midnight gloom,
And the pale monarch of the tomb.

IV

Though Heav'n afflict, I'll not repine :
The noblest comforts still are mine ;
Comforts which over death prevail,
And journey with me through the vale.

V

Amidst the various scenes of ills,
Each stroke some kind design fulfills :
And shall I murmur at my God,
When love supreme directs the rod ?

vi His

VI

His hand will smooth my rugged way,
And lead me to the realms of day ;
To milder skies and brighter plains,
Where everlasting pleasure reigns.

HYMN LXX. C. M.

Living habitually in the fear of God.

I

THRICE happy men who, born from heav'n,
While yet they sojourn here,
Each day of life with God begin,
And spend it in his fear.

II

Midst hourly cares, may we present
Our off'rings to thy throne ;
And while the world our hands employs,
Our hearts be thine alone.

III

As sanctify'd to noblest ends,
Be each refreshment sought,
And by each various providence
Some wise instruction brought.

IV

When to laborious duties call'd,
Or by temptations tried,
We'll seek the shelter of thy wings,
And in thy strength confide.

V

As diff'rent scenes of life arise,
 Our grateful hearts would be
 With thee amidst the social band,
 In solitude with thee.

VI

In solid pure delights like these,
 Let all our days be past ;
 Nor shall we then impatient wish,
 Nor shall we fear the last.

HYMN LXXI. L. M.

Desire of instruction.

I

TEACH me, O teach me, LORD ! thy way ;
 That to my life's remotest day,
 By thine unerring precepts led,
 My feet thy heav'nly paths may tread.

II

Inform'd by thee, with sacred awe,
 My heart shall meditate thy law ;
 And with celestial wisdom fill'd,
 To thee a pure obedience yield.

III

Give me to know thy will aright,
 Thy will, my glory and delight ;
 That, rais'd above the world, my mind
 In thee its highest good may find.

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IV O turn

IV

O turn from vanity mine eye ;
To me thy quick'ning strength supply ;
And with thy promis'd mercy cheer
A heart devoted to thy fear.

HYMN LXXII. C. M.

Trust in God under trouble.

I

O GOD, the cov'nant of thy love
Abides for ever sure,
And in its matchless grace we feel
Our happiness secure.

II

What though we want the health or ease
Which nature may desire ?
To nobler joys than nature gives
Thy servants all aspire.

III

Since thou, the everlasting God,
Our father art become ;
And hast by Jesus bade us hope,
That heav'n shall be our home ;

IV

We welcome all thy sov'reign will ;
For all that will is love :
And, when we know not what thou dost,
We wait the light above.

v Thy

V

Thy mercy in the darkest gloom
Shall heav'nly rays impart,
And, when our eye-lids close in death,
Sustain our trembling heart.

HYMN LXXIII. C. M.

The happiness of the dying christian.

I

HEAR what the voice from heav'n proclaims
For all the pious dead ;
Sweet is the savour of their names,
And soft their sleeping bed.

II

They sleep in Jesus, and are bless'd :
How kind their slumbers are !
From suff'rings and from sins releas'd,
And freed from ev'ry snare.

III

Far from this world of toil and strife,
They're safe in thee, O LORD !
The labours of their mortal life
End in a large reward.

HYMN LXXIV. L. M.

Man mortal, and God eternal.

I

THROUGH ev'ry age, eternal God !
Thou art our rest, our safe abode ;
High was thy throne ere heav'n was made,
Or earth, thy humble footstool, laid.

II

Long hadst thou reign'd ere time began,
Or dust was fashion'd into man ;
And long thy kingdom shall endure,
When earth and time shall be no more.

III

With thee a thousand years amount
Scarce to a day in our account :
Like yesterday's departed light,
Or an unnotic'd watch of night.

IV

Ah, what is life in all its pride ?
A rapid year, an ebbing tide,
A winter's gleam, a morning flow'r,
That fades and withers in an hour.

V

Teach us, O LORD, how frail is man ;
And kindly lengthen out our span,
Till, form'd to wisdom, we shall be
Prepar'd to die, and dwell with thee.

HYMN LXXV. C. M.

Man frail, and God eternal.

I

O GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home !

II

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure ;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

III

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth receiv'd her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

IV

Thy word commands our flesh to dust,
“ Return, ye sons of men : ”
All nations rose from earth at first,
And turn to earth again.

V

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an ev'ning gone ;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

VI O God,

VI

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

HYMN LXXVI. C. M.

The frailty and importance of human life.

I

THEE we adore, eternal God!
And humbly own to thee,
How feeble is our mortal frame,
What dying creatures we.

II

Our wasting life grows shorter still,
As months and days increase;
And ev'ry beating pulse we tell,
Still leaves the number less.

III

The year rolls round, and steals away
The breath which first it gave;
Where'er we are, whate'er we do,
We're trav'ling to the grave.

IV

Dangers stand thick through all the road,
To push us to the tomb;
And fierce diseases wait around,
To hurry mortals home.

v Good

V

Good God ! on what a slender thread
 Hang everlasting things !
 Th' eternal state of all mankind
 Upon life's feeble strings.

VI

Waken, O LORD, our active pow'rs,
 To walk this dang'rous road ;
 And, if our souls be hurried hence,
 May they be found with God !

HYMN LXXVII. C. M.

Frail life.

I

LORD, what a feeble frame is ours !
 How vain a thing is man !
 How frail are all our boasted pow'rs !
 And short at best our span !

II

Swift as the feather'd arrow flies,
 And cuts the yielding air ;
 Or as a kindling meteor dies,
 Ere it can well appear :

III

So pass our fleeting years away,
 And time runs on its race :
 In vain we ask a moment's stay,
 Nor will it slack its pace.

IV But,

IV

But, LORD, what mighty things depend
 On our precarious breath!
 For soon this dying life will end
 In endless life or death.

V

Oh! make us truly wise, to learn
 How very frail we are;
 That we may mind our grand concern,
 And for our change prepare.

HYMN LXXVIII. L. M.

Life the only season of preparation for eternity.

I

LIFE is the time to serve thee, LORD!
 The time t' ensure thy great reward;
 And, while the lamp holds out to burn,
 To thee the sinner may return.

II

Life is the hour which God hath giv'n
 To fly from sin, and live for heav'n;
 The day of grace; and mortals may
 Secure the blessings of the day.

III

The living know that they must die,
 But all the dead inactive lie;
 They reap no good from all that's done
 Beneath the circuit of the sun.

iv There

IV

There are no acts of pardon pass'd
In the cold grave, to which we haste ;
Nor penitence, nor pray'r, is known
Where death and darkness hold their throne.

V

Then the great work we're sent to do,
Let us with vigour now pursue ;
The wasting day will soon be o'er :
When night shall come, we work no more.

HYMN LXXIX. L. M.

The wisdom of redeeming time.

I

GOD of eternity, from thee
Did infant time its being draw ;
Moments and days and months and years
Revolve by thine unvaried law.

II

Silent and slow they glide away ;
Steady and strong the current flows,
Lost in eternity's wide sea,
The boundless gulf, from whence it rose.

III

With it the thoughtless sons of men
Before the rapid stream are borne,
On to that everlasting home
Whence no one ever can return.

IV

Yet while the shore on either side
Presents a gaudy flatt'ring show,
We gaze, in fond amazement lost,
Nor think to what a world we go.

V

Great source of wisdom, teach our hearts
To know the price of ev'ry hour!
That time may bear us on to joys
Beyond its measure and its pow'r.

HYMN LXXX. S. M.

Christians sons of God.

I

FATHER, what wondrous grace
Thy mercy hath bestow'd
On sinners of a mortal race,
To call them *sons of God*!

II

It doth not yet appear
How great we must be made;
But when we see our Saviour here,
We shall be like our head.

III

A hope so much divine
May trials well endure,
May purge our souls from sense and sin,
As Christ the lord is pure.

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HYMN LXXXI. C. M.

Confidence in God our Father.

I

O GOD, on thee our souls depend,
Whose help is ever near :
Thou wilt our father and our friend
In ev'ry scene appear.

II

With open hand, and lib'ral heart,
Thou wilt our wants supply ;
Thy heav'nly blessings still impart,
And no good thing deny.

III

Thou knowest always what is fit,
And wisdom guides thy love :
To thine appointments we submit,
And ev'ry choice approve.

IV

In thy paternal love and care
Our cheerful hearts confide :
Thy mercies all our comfort are,
Thy wisdom is our guide.

HYMN LXXXII. P. M.

AS THE CXIIIITH PSALM.

The excellency of the scriptures.

I

WE love the volumes of thy word ;
What light and joy those leaves afford
To souls benighted and distress !
Thy precepts guide our doubtful way,
Thy fear forbids our feet to stray,
Thy promise leads our hearts to rest.

II

From the discov'ries of thy law
The perfect rules of life we draw,
These are our study and delight :
Not honey so invites the taste,
Nor gold that hath the furnace past
Appears so pleasing to the sight.

III

Thy threat'nings wake our slumb'ring eyes,
And warn us where our danger lies ;
But 'tis thy blessed gospel, LORD,
That makes our guilty conscience clean,
Converts our soul, subdues our sin,
And gives a free but large reward.

IV Who

IV

Who knows the errors of his thoughts ?
O God, forgive our secret faults,
And from presumptuous sins restrain :
Accept our poor attempts of praise,
That we have read thy book of grace,
And book of nature, not in vain.

HYMN LXXXIII. C. M.

Hope of heaven by the resurrection of Christ.

I

BLEST be the everlasting God,
The father of our lord :
Be his abounding mercy prais'd,
His majesty ador'd.

II

When from the dead he rais'd his son,
And call'd him to the sky,
He gave our souls a lively hope,
That they should never die.

III

What though thy uncontroul'd decree
Command us back to dust ;
Yet, as the lord our saviour rose,
So all his followers must.

iv There's

IV

There's an inheritance divine
 Reserv'd against that day :
 'Tis uncorrupted, undefil'd,
 And cannot fade away.

V

We by thy pow'r, O God, are kept
 Till the salvation come ;
 We walk by faith as strangers here,
 Till thou shalt call us home.

HYMN LXXXIV. S. M.

Christ's death and rising again foretold.

I

MAKER and sov'reign lord
 Of heav'n and earth and seas,
 Thy providence confirms thy word,
 And answers thy decrees.

II

Why did the gentiles rage,
 And Jews with one accord
 Bend all their counsels to destroy
 Th' anointed of the LORD ?

III

Rulers and kings agree
 To form a vain design ;
 Against the LORD their pow'rs unite,
 Against his Christ they join.

IV The

IV

The LORD derides their rage,
And will support his throne ;
He that hath rais'd him from the dead,
Hath own'd him for his son.

HYMN LXXXV. C. M.

Obedience is better than sacrifice.

I

THUS saith the LORD: "The spacious fields,
" And flocks and herds are mine ;
" O'er all the cattle of the hills
" I claim a right divine.

II

" I ask no sheep for sacrifice,
" Nor bullocks burnt with fire ;
" To hope and love, to pray and praise,
" Is all that I require.

III

" Call upon me when trouble 's near,
" My hand shall set thee free :
" Then shall thy thankful lips declare
" The honour due to me.

IV

" The man who offers humble praise,
" He glorifies me best ;
" And those who tread my holy ways
" Shall my salvation taste."

HYMN LXXXVI. C. M.

The true way to please God.

I

WHEREWITH shall we approach thee,
LORD,

And bow before thy throne ?
Or how procure thy kind regard,
And for our guilt atone ?

II

Shall altars flame, and victims bleed,
And spicy fumes ascend ?
Will these our earnest wish succeed,
And make our God our friend ?

III

Oh ! no, great God ! 'tis fruitless all,
Such off'rings are in vain :
No fatlings from the field or stall
Thy favour can obtain.

IV

To men their *rights* we must allow,
And proofs of *kindness* give ;
To thee with *humble rev'rence* bow,
And to thy glory live.

V

Hands that are clean, and hearts sincere,
Thou, God, wilt not despise ;
And cheerful duty wilt prefer
To costly sacrifice.

HYMN LXXXVII. L. M.

Devotion vain without virtue.

I

TH' uplifted eye and bended knee
Are but vain homage, LORD, to thee :
In vain our lips thy praise prolong,
The heart a stranger to the song.

II

Can rites, and forms, and flaming zeal,
The breaches of thy precept heal ?
Or fast and penance reconcile
Thy justice, and obtain thy smile ?

III

The pure, the humble, contrite mind,
Thankful, and to thy will resign'd,
To thee a nobler off'ring yields
Than Sheba's groves or Sharon's fields ;

IV

Than floods of oil or floods of wine,
Ten thousand rolling to thy shrine ;
Or than if, to thine altar led,
A first-born son the victim bled.

V

“ Be *just* and *kind* : ” that great command
Doth on eternal pillars stand :
This did thine ancient prophets teach,
And this thy well-beloved preach.

HYMN LXXXVIII. C. M.

Acceptable worship.

I

O GOD, thou spirit, just and wise,
Who seest our inmost mind ;
In vain to thee we raise our voice,
And leave our hearts behind.

II

Nothing but truth, before thy throne,
With honour can appear :
The formal hypocrites are known
Through the disguise they wear.

III

Their lifted eyes salute the skies,
Their bending knees the ground ;
But God abhors the sacrifice,
Where not the heart is found.

IV

LORD, search our thoughts, and try our ways,
And make our souls sincere :
Then shall we stand before thy face,
And find acceptance there.

HYMN LXXXIX. L. M.

The pleasure of public worship.

I

HOW pleasant, how divinely fair,
O LORD of hosts, thy dwellings are !
With early feet we love t' appear
Within thy sanctuary here.

II

Happy are they who find a place
Here in the temples of thy grace ;
Here we behold thy gentler rays,
And seek thy face, and learn thy praise.

III

Happy the men, whose purpose stands
To keep the way of thy commands :
Thou art their guide ; and through the road
They rest upon their helper, God.

IV

O may we walk with growing strength,
Till we shall meet in heav'n at length ;
Till all before thy throne appear,
And join in nobler worship there !

HYMN XC. L. M.

Before or after sermon.

I

WHILE here as wand'ring sheep we stray,
 Teach us, O teach us, LORD, thy way !
 Dispose our hearts, with sacred awe,
 To love thy word, to keep thy law.

II

Great source of light to all below !
 Teach us thy holy will to know ;
 Teach us to read thy word aright,
 And make it our supreme delight.

III

Maker, instructor, judge of all,
 O hear us when on thee we call !
 Preserve us in thy holy ways,
 And teach our hearts to speak thy praise.

HYMN XCI. C. M.

Secret devotion.

I

FATHER divine, thy piercing eye
 Looks through the shades of night ;
 In deep retirement thou art nigh,
 With heart-discerning sight.

II There

II

There shall that piercing eye survey
Our humble worship paid,
With ev'ry morning's dawning ray,
And ev'ry ev'ning's shade.

III

We'll leave behind each earthly care ;
To thee our minds shall soar ;
While grateful praise and fervent pray'r
Employ the silent hour.

IV

So shall the sun in smiles arise ;
The day shall close in peace ;
So wilt thou train us for the skies,
Where joy shall never cease.

HYMN XCII. L. M.

Family devotion.

I

FATHER of men, thy care we bless,
Which crowns our family with peace :
From thee we spring, and by thy hand
From day to day are still sustain'd.

II

To thee most worthy to be prais'd,
Be our domestic altars rais'd,
Who, lord of heav'n, scorn'st not to dwell
With saints in their obscurest cell.

III To

III

To thee let each united house,
Morning and night, present its vows ;
Our servants there, and rising race,
Be taught thy precepts, and thy grace.

IV

O may each future age proclaim
The honours of thy glorious name ;
While, pleas'd and thankful, we remove
To join thy family above !

HYMN XCIII. L. M.

The eternal sabbath.

I

GOD of the sabbath, hear our vows,
On this thy day, in this thine house ;
And own, as grateful sacrifice,
The songs which in thy temple rise.

II

Thine earthly sabbaths, LORD, we love ;
But there 's a nobler rest above ;
To that our longing souls aspire,
With cheerful hope, and strong desire.

III

No more fatigue, no more distress,
Nor sin nor death shall reach the place ;
No groans shall mingle with the songs
Which dwell upon immortal tongues.

IV No

IV

No rude alarms of angry foes :
No cares to break the long repose ;
No midnight shade, no clouded sun,
But sacred, high, eternal noon.

V

O long expected day, begin ;
Dawn on these realms of pain and sin :
With joy we 'll tread th' appointed road,
And sleep in death to rest with God.

HYMN XCIV. L. M.

A morning hymn.

I

GOD of the morning, at whose voice
The cheerful sun makes haste to rise,
And as exulting in his strength
Pursues his journey through the skies :

II

From the fair chambers of the east
The circuit of his race proceeds,
And without weariness or rest
Round the whole earth his course he speeds.

III

Oh, like the sun may we fulfill
The various duties of the day,
With steady mind and active will
March on and keep our heav'nly way !

IV LORD,

IV

LORD, thy commands are right and pure,
Enlight'ning our beclouded eyes ;
Thy threat'nings just, thy promise sure,
Thy gospel makes the simple wise.

V

Be thou, O God, our guide and strength
Till we arrive at heav'nly bliss ;
All our desires and hopes beside
Are faint and cold, compar'd with this.

HYMN XCV. C. M.

An evening hymn.

I

INDULGENT God, whose bounteous care
O'er all thy works is shown !
O let my grateful praise and pray'r
Ascend before thy throne !

II

What mercies has this day bestow'd !
How largely hast thou blest !
My cup with plenty overflow'd,
With cheerfulness my breast.

III

Now may sweet slumbers close my eyes,
From pain and sickness free ;
And let my waking thoughts arise
To meditate on thee.

HYMN

HYMN XCVI. L. M.

Humility.

I

WHEREFORE should man, frail child of
clay,
Who, from the cradle to the shroud,
Lives but the insect of a day—
O why should mortal man be proud?

II

His brightest visions just appear,
Then vanish, and no more are found;
The stateliest pile his pride can rear,
A breath may level with the ground.

III

By doubt perplex'd, in error lost,
With trembling steps he seeks his way:
How vain of wisdom's gift the boast!
Of reason's lamp how faint the ray!

IV

Follies and crimes, a countless sum,
Are crowded in life's little span:
How ill, alas, does pride become
That erring, guilty creature, man!

HYMN XCVII. C. M.

Encouragement from the presence of God.

I

AND art thou with us, gracious LORD,
To dissipate our fear?
Dost thou proclaim thyself our God,
Our God for ever near?

II

Doth thy right hand, which form'd the earth,
And bears up all the skies,
Stretch from on high its friendly aid,
When dangers round us rise?

III

Dost thou a father's bowels feel
For all thy humble saints,
And in such tender accents speak
To soothe their sad complaints?

IV

On this support our souls shall lean,
And banish ev'ry care;
The gloomy vale of death shall smile,
If God be with us there.

V

While we thy gracious succour prove
Midst all our various ways,
The darkest shades through which we pass
Shall echo with thy praise.

HYMN XCVIII. C. M.

The Lord's prayer imitated.

I

FATHER of all! eternal mind!
Thou, good and great alone!
Thy children, form'd and bless'd by thee,
Approach thy heav'nly throne.

II

Thy name in hallow'd strains be sung!
We join the solemn praise;
To thy great name, with heart and tongue,
Our cheerful homage raise.

III

Thy righteous, mild, and sov'reign reign
Let ev'ry being own:
And in our minds, thy work divine,
Erect thy gracious throne.

IV

On thee we day by day depend:
Our daily wants supply,
And feed with truth and virtue pure
Our souls, which never die.

V

Extend thy grace to ev'ry fault,
Oh! let thy love forgive:
Teach us divine forgiveness too,
Nor let resentments live.

VI

Where tempting snares bestrew the way,
Permit us not to tread :
Avert the threat'ning evil near,
From our unguarded head.

VII

Thy sacred name we thus adore,
With joyful humble mind ;
And praise thy goodness, pow'r and truth,
Eternal, unconfi'd.

HYMN XCIX. L. M.

Brotherly love.

I

O GOD, our Father, and our king,
Of all we have, or hope, the spring ;
Send down thy spirit from above,
And warm our hearts with holy love.

II

May we from ev'ry act abstain,
That hurts or gives our neighbour pain ;
And ev'ry secret wish suppress,
That would abridge his happiness !

III

Still may we feel our hearts inclin'd
To act the friend to all our kind ;
Still seek their safety, health and ease,
Their virtue, and eternal peace !

IV With

IV

With pity let our breast o'erflow,
When we behold a wretch in woe ;
And bear a sympathizing part
With all who are of heavy heart.

V

Let love in all our conduct shine,
An image fair, though faint, of thine :
Thus may we Christ's disciples prove,
Who came to manifest thy love.

HYMN C. L. M.

Charitable judgement.

I

ALL-SEEING God ! 'tis thine to know
The springs whence wrong opinions flow ;
To judge from principles within,
When frailty errs, and when we sin.

II

Who among men, high lord of all,
Thy servant to his bar shall call ;
Judge him for modes of faith thy foe,
And doom him to the realms of woe ?

III

Who with another's eye can read ?
Or worship by another's creed ?
Revering thy commands alone,
We humbly seek and use our own.

IV

If wrong forgive, approve if right :
 While faithful we obey our light,
 And, cens'ring none, are zealous still
 To follow as to learn thy will.

V

When shall our happy eyes behold
 Thy people fashion'd in thy mould ;
 And charity our lineage prove
 Deriv'd from thee, O God of love ?

HYMN CI. S. M.

The right and duty of private judgement.

I

IMPOSTURE shrinks from light,
 And dreads a curious eye :
 Thy doctrines, LORD, the test invite,
 They bid us search and try.

II

LORD, to thy word we bring
 A meek, inquiring mind ;
 And, joyful, at salvation's spring
 Refreshing truth we find.

III

With understanding blest,
 Created to be free,
 Our faith on man we dare not rest,
 Subject to none but thee.

IV O LORD,

IV

O LORD, our spirit lead,
With soundest knowledge fill ;
From noxious error guard our creed,
From prejudice our will.

V

The truth thou shalt impart,
May we with firmness own ;
Abhorring each evasive art,
And fearing thee alone.

HYMN CII. C. M.

Heavenly wisdom.

I

HOW happy is the man who hears
Instruction's warning voice ;
And who celestial wisdom makes
His early, only choice !

II

Wisdom has treasures greater far
Than east or west unfold ;
And her rewards more precious are
Than is the gain of gold.

III

In her right hand she holds to view
A length of happy years ;
And in her left the prize of fame
And honour bright appears.

iv She

IV

She guides the young with innocence,
 In pleasure's path to tread ;
 A crown of glory she bestows
 Upon the hoary head.

V

According as her labours rise,
 So her rewards increase ;
 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
 And all her paths are peace.

HYMN CIII. P. M.

The Father of mercy.

I

O FATHER of mercy,
 The hearer of pray'r !
 To thy creature's request
 Bow propitious thine ear !

II

The voice from the dust,
 The soft-rising sigh,
 The pray'r of the heart,
 The up-lifted eye—

III

Are grateful to thee,
 An offering meet,
 Than roses of Sharon
 More fragrant and sweet.

IV

As the orient sun,
 Chasing darkness away,
 Dawns bright in the east,
 And kindles the day—

V

So hope's cheering beam
 From the fountain of light,
 Is diffus'd through the soul
 In affliction's dark night.

VI

If then my heart droop,
 Let me never repine;—
 But O may this God,
 This kind father—be mine!

HYMN CIV. C. M.

The blessings of civil government.

I

ETERNAL sov'reign LORD on high,
 And lord of all below!
 We mortals to thy majesty
 Our first obedience owe.

II

Our souls adore thy throne supreme,
 And bless thy providence
 For magistrates of meaner name,
 Our glory and defence.

III

Kingdoms on firm foundations stand,
 While virtue finds reward,
 And sinners perish from the land,
 By justice and the sword.

IV

Where laws and liberties combine,
 To make a people blest,
 There crowns with brightest lustre shine,
 And kings are honour'd best.

V

Let Cæsar's due be ever paid
 To Cæsar and his throne ;
 But consciences and souls were made
 For thee, O God, alone.

HYMN CV.

AS THE CXIIIITH PSALM.

A general national thanksgiving.

I

SAY, should we search the globe around,
 Where can such happiness be found,
 As dwells in Britain's favour'd isle ?
 Here plenty reigns ; here freedom sheds
 Her choicest blessings on our heads,
 And bids our bleakest mountains smile.

II Here

II

Here commerce spreads the wealthy store,
Which comes from ev'ry foreign shore ;
Science and art their charms display ;
Religion teacheth us to raise
Our voices in our maker's praise,
As truth and conscience point the way.

III

These are thy gifts, almighty king !
From thee our matchless blessings spring ;
Th' extended trade, the fruitful skies,
The raptures liberty bestows,
Th' eternal joys the gospel shows,
All from thy boundless goodness rise.

IV

With grateful hearts, with cheerful tongues,
To God we raise united songs ;
His pow'r and mercy we proclaim :
Britons, through ev'ry age, shall own,
JEHOVAH here hath fix'd his throne,
And triumph in his mighty name.

V

Long as the moon her course shall run,
Or man behold the circling sun,
O still may God in Britain reign ;
Still crown her counsels with success,
With peace and joy her borders bless,
And all her sacred rights maintain.

HYMN CVI. L. M.

The lapse of time improved.

I

SWIFT glide the hours of life away ;
So shall our vital pow'rs decay :
Momentous moral to mankind !
Engrave it deep on ev'ry mind !

II

Time and its joys will soon be past ;
But virtue, freedom, truth shall last :
Let these inspire the glowing breast ;
For these alone can make man blest.

III

The lessons of the good and wise
Let not vain mortals dare despise ;
And while we view time's silent stream,
O may it be our steadfast aim—

IV

From passion free, and free from strife,
Midst the tumultuous ills of life,
Still calm, unruffled, and serene,
To fill our part in this great scene :—

V

And while life's sands are running out,
Prepar'd, without or fear or doubt,
T' obey the mandate from on high,
The awful summons—**THOU MUST DIE.**

HYMN CVII. L. M.

New year's day.

I

GREAT God, we sing that mighty hand
By which supported still we stand ;
The op'ning year thy mercy shows ;
Thy mercy crowns it till it close.

II

By day, by night, at home, abroad,
Still are we guarded by our God ;
By thy incessant bounty fed,
By thy unerring counsel led.

III

With grateful hearts the past we own ;
The future, all to us unknown,
We to thy guardian care commit,
And peaceful leave before thy feet.

IV

In scenes exalted or deprest,
Thou art our joy, and thou our rest ;
Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,
Ador'd through all our changing days.

V

When death shall interrupt these songs,
And seal in silence mortal tongues,
Our helper, God, in whom we trust,
In better worlds our souls shall boast.

HYMN CVIII. L. M.

Praise from the heavenly bodies.

I

THE spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heav'ns, a shining frame,
Their great original proclaim.

II

Th' unwearied sun, from day to day,
Doth his creator's pow'r display ;
And publishes, to ev'ry land,
The work of an almighty hand.

III

Soon as the ev'ning shades prevail,
The moon takes up the wondrous tale ;
And nightly to the list'ning earth
Repeats the story of her birth :

IV

Whilst all the stars which round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

V

What though in solemn silence all
Move round the dark terrestrial ball ;
What though no real voice nor sound
Amidst their radiant orbs be found :

VI

In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice :
For ever singing as they shine,
The hand that made us is divine.

HYMN CIX. C. M.

The God of nature worshiped.

I

HAIL, king supreme ! all wise and good,
To thee our thoughts we raise ;
While nature's beauties, wide display'd,
Inspire our souls with praise.

II

At morning, noon, and ev'ning mild,
Thy works engage our view ;
Oft as we gaze, our hearts exult
With transports ever new.

III

Thy glory beams in ev'ry star
Which gilds the gloom of night ;
And decks the rising face of morn
With rays of cheering light.

IV

The sunny hill, the dewy lawn,
With thousand beauties shine ;
The silent grove, and awful shade,
Proclaim thy pow'r divine.

v From

V

From tree to tree, a constant hymn
Employs the feather'd throng ;
To thee their cheerful notes they swell,
And chant their grateful song.

VI

Great nature's God ! still may these scenes
Our serious hours engage !
Still may our grateful hearts consult
Thy works' instructive page !

HYMN CX. L. M.

The blessings of the gospel.

I

GOD, who in various methods told
His holy will to those of old,
By his beloved son displays
His truth and grace in latter days.

II

That sacred volume which records
The Saviour's character and laws
We read ; and in himself is giv'n
The pledge of life, the hope of heav'n.

III

There knowledge of the noblest kind
Expands and elevates the mind ;
The heav'nly doctrine, plain as true,
Instructs, reproves, and comforts too.

IV How

IV

How bright do these thy glories shine !
Wisdom and goodness all divine,
Whate'er can fill the soul with love,
And form it for the joys above.

V

O render thanks to God above,
For his rich grace, his boundless love :
Let all mankind receive his word,
And ev'ry nation praise the LORD.

HYMN CXI. C. M.

A song of praise.

I

IN God's own house pronounce his praise,
His grace he there reveals ;
To heav'n your joy and wonder raise,
For there his glory dwells.

II

Let all your sacred passions move,
While you rehearse his deeds :
But the great work of saving love
Your highest praise exceeds.

III

While we have motion, life, and breath,
His goodness we'll adore,
In hope, beyond the vale of death
To love and praise him more.

HYMN CXII. L. M.

Subjection to God, the father of our spirits.

Heb. xii. 9.

I

ETERNAL source of life and thought,
Be all beneath thyself forgot ;
Whilst thee, great parent mind, we own
In prostrate homage round thy throne.

II

Whilst in themselves our souls survey
Of thee some faint reflected ray,
They wond'ring to their Father rise ;
His pow'r how vast ! his thoughts how wise !

III

Behold us as thine offspring, LORD,
And do not cast us off abhorr'd ;
Nor let thy hand, so long our joy,
Be rais'd in judgement to destroy.

IV

O may we live before thy face,
The willing subjects of thy grace ;
And through each path of duty move
With filial awe, and filial love !

HYMN CXIII. L. M.

Grace and glory.

I

TH' Almighty reigns exalted high
O'er all the earth, o'er all the sky ;
If clouds and darkness veil his face,
Still all his ways are truth and peace.

II

O ye that love his holy name,
Hate ev'ry work of sin and shame :
He guards from threat'ning ills his friends,
And from the secret snare defends.

III

Immortal light, and joys unknown,
Are for his saints in darkness sown ;
These glorious seeds shall spring and rise,
And the glad harvest bless our eyes.

IV

Rejoice, ye righteous, and record
The sacred honours of the **LORD** ;
Ye, while ye bless him for his grace,
May triumph in his holiness.

HYMN CXIV. C. M.

The sovereign power of God.

I

THE LORD our God is full of might,
The winds obey his will ;
He speaks, and in his heav'nly height
The rolling sun stands still.

II

Rebel, ye waves, and o'er the land
With threat'ning aspect roar ;
The LORD uplifts his awful hand
And chains you to the shore.

III

Howl, winds of night, your force combine ;
Without his high behest,
Ye shall not in the mountain pine
Disturb the sparrow's nest.

IV

His voice sublime is heard afar,
In distant peals it dies ;
He yokes the whirlwinds to his car,
And sweeps the howling skies.

V

Ye nations, bend, in rev'rence bend,
Ye monarchs, wait his nod,
And bid the choral song ascend
To celebrate the God !

HYMN CXV. C. M.

Christ's coming and office foretold.

I

HARK, the glad sound, the Saviour comes !
The Saviour promis'd long :
Let ev'ry heart a throne prepare,
And ev'ry voice a song !

II

On him the spirit, largely shed,
Exerts its sacred fire :
Wisdom and might, and zeal and love,
His holy breast inspire.

III

He comes, from galling chains of vice
To free the captive mind ;
He comes, to pour the cheering light
Of truth upon the blind.

IV

He comes, with blessings for the meek,
The broken heart to cure ;
And, with the treasures of his grace,
T' enrich the humble poor.

V

Glory to God in highest strains
Through highest worlds be paid :
His glory by our lips proclaim'd,
And in our lives display'd.

HYMN CXVI. C. M.

Confidence in God.

I

BLEST is the man who fears the LORD ;
His well-establish'd mind,
In ev'ry varying scene of life,
Shall true composure find.

II

Oft through the deep and stormy sea
The heav'nly footsteps lie ;
But on a glorious world beyond
His faith can fix its eye.

III

Though dark his present prospects be,
And sorrows round him dwell,
Yet hope can whisper to his soul,
That all shall issue well.

IV

Full in the presence of his God,
Through ev'ry scene he goes ;
And, fearing him, no other fear
His steadfast bosom knows.

V

No dangers can his soul alarm,
No gloomy views affright,
For faith assures his humble heart,
Whatever is, is right.

HYMN CXVII. C. M.

The divine blessing implored.

I

FATHER of all, to thee we come ;
Thy ever wakeful eye
Alone can all our wants discern,
Thy hand alone supply.

II

O let thy fear within us dwell,
Thy love our footsteps guide ;
That love shall vainer loves expel,
That fear, all fears beside.

III

And since, by passion's force misled,
Too oft with stubborn will
The latent good we blindly dread,
And grasp the specious ill :

IV

Not what we wish, but what we want,
Let mercy still supply :
The good unask'd, O Father, grant ;
The ill, though ask'd, deny.

HYMN CXVIII. C. M.

Divine influence implored.

I

THY influence, mighty God ! is felt
Through nature's ample round :
In heav'n, on earth, through air, and skies,
Thine energy is found.

II

Thy sacred influence, LORD, we need
To form our hearts anew ;
O cleanse our souls from ev'ry sin,
And thy salvation shew !

III

Father of lights ! thy spirit grant
To guide our doubtful way ;
Thy truth shall scatter ev'ry cloud,
And make a glorious day.

IV

Supported by thy heav'nly grace,
We'll do and bear thy will ;
Thy grace shall make each burthen light,
And ev'ry murmur still.

V

Cheer'd by thy smiles, we'll fearless tread
The gloomy paths of death ;
And, with the hopes of endless bliss,
Resign to thee our breath.

HYMN CXIX. L. M.

The Grace of God implored.

I

O SOURCE of uncreated light !

By whom the worlds were rais'd from
night,

Come, visit ev'ry pious mind,

Come, pour thy joys on human kind.

II

Plenteous in grace, descend from high,

Rich in thy matchless energy ;

From sin and sorrow set us free,

And make us temples worthy thee.

HYMN CXX. L. M.

Submission to the all-wise decrees.

I

LORD, how mysterious are thy ways !

How blind are we ! how mean our praise !

Thy steps can mortal eyes explore ?

'Tis ours to wonder and adore.

II

Thy deep decrees from creature-sight

Are hid in shades of awful night ;

Amid the lines with curious eye

Not angel-minds presume to pry.

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III Great

III

Great God, we would not ask to see
 What in futurity shall be :
 If light and bliss attend our days,
 Then let our future hours be praise.

IV

Is darkness and distress our share ?
 Then let us trust thy guardian care ;
 Enough for us, if love divine
 At length through ev'ry cloud shall shine.

V

Yet this our souls desire to know,
 Be this our only wish below,
 " That we are thine ! "—This great request
 Grant, bounteous God,—and we are blest.

HYMN CXXI. L. M.

The wise choice.

I

BESET with snares on ev'ry hand,
 In life's uncertain path we stand :
 Father divine ! diffuse thy light
 To guide our doubtful footsteps right.

II

Direct the frail and wav'ring heart
 Wisely to choose the better part ;
 To scorn the trifles of a day,
 For joys that none can take away.

III Then

III

Then let the wildest storms arise :
 Let tempests mingle earth and skies ;
 No fatal shipwreck shall we fear,
 But all our treasures with us bear.

IV

If thou, O Father, still art nigh,
 Cheerful we'll live, and joyful die :
 Secure, when mortal comforts flee,
 To find ten thousand worlds in thee.

HYMN CXXII. S. M.

Christ the light of the world.

I

BEHOLD the prince of peace,
 The chosen of the LORD,
 God's well-beloved son, fulfills
 The sure prophetic word.

II

No royal pomp adorns
 This king of righteousness ;
 Meekness and patience, truth and love,
 Compose his princely dress.

III

The spirit of the LORD,
 In rich abundance shed,
 On this great prophet gently lights,
 And rests upon his head.

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IV Jesus,

IV

Jesus, the light of men :
 His doctrine life imparts ;
 O may we feel its quick'ning pow'r
 To warm and glad our hearts !

V

Cheer'd by its beams, our souls
 Shall run the heav'nly way :
 The path which Christ hath mark'd and trod,
 Will lead to endless day.

HYMN CXXIII. L. M.

The tender mercy of God to his people.

I

GREAT God, how wondrous are thy ways !
 How firm thy truth ! how large thy grace !
 Thou tak'st thy mercy for thy throne,
 And thence dost make thy glories known.

II

Not half so high God's pow'r hath spread
 The starry heav'ns above our head,
 As his rich love exceeds our praise,
 Exceeds the highest hopes we raise.

III

Not half so far his hand hath plac'd
 The rising morning from the west,
 As his forgiving grace removes
 The guilty fears of those he loves.

IV The

IV

The mighty God, the wise, the just,
Knows that our frame is feeble dust ;
And will no heavy load impose
Beyond the strength that he bestows.

V

He knows how soon our nature dies,
Blasted by ev'ry wind that flies ;
Like grass we spring, and die as soon,
Or morning flow'rs that fade at noon.

VI

But thine eternal love is sure
To all thy saints, and shall endure :
From age to age thy truth shall reign ;
Nor children's children hope in vain.

HYMN CXXIV. C. M.

The vanity of man as mortal.

I

TEACH me the measure of my days,
Thou maker of my frame !
I would survey life's narrow space,
And learn how frail I am.

II

A span is all that we can boast,
A point in moving time ;
Man is but vanity and dust,
In all his flow'r and prime.

III See

III

See the vain race of mortals move
 Like shadows o'er the plain ;
 They rage and strive, desire and love,
 But all their noise is vain.

IV

Some walk in honour's gaudy show,
 Some dig for golden ore ;
 They toil for heirs they know not who,
 And straight are seen no more.

V

What should we wish or wait for, then,
 From creatures, earth and dust ?
 They make our expectations vain,
 And disappoint our trust.

HYMN CXXV. C. M.

The perfect law of liberty.

I

BEHOLD that wise, that perfect law,
 Which noblest freedom gives ;
 O may it all our souls refine,
 And sanctify our lives !

II

Not with a transient glance survey'd,
 And in an hour forgot,
 But deep inscrib'd on ev'ry heart,
 To reign o'er ev'ry thought.

III Great

III

Great author of each perfect gift,
Thy sov'reign grace display,
That these rebellious, roving powers
May hearken and obey.

IV

Inspir'd by thee, our feeble souls
Shall pass victorious on,
As the faint dawning light improves
To all the blaze of noon.

HYMN CXXVI. S. M.

The vanity of worldly schemes.

I

TO-MORROW, LORD, is thine,
Lodg'd in thy sov'reign hand ;
And if its sun arise and shine,
It shines by thy command.

II

The present moment flies,
And bears our life away ;
O make thy servants truly wise,
That they may live to-day.

III

Since on this winged hour
Eternity is hung,
Waken by thine almighty pow'r
The aged and the young.

IV This,

IV

This, LORD, demands our care ;
O be it still pursu'd !
Lest, slighted once, the season fair
Should never be renew'd.

HYMN CXXVII. L. M.

The wonders of the divine goodness.

I

GIVE to our God immortal praise !
Mercy and truth are all his ways ;
Wonders of grace to God belong ;
Repeat his mercies in your song.

II

Give to the LORD of lords renown ;
The king of kings with glory crown :
His mercies ever shall endure,
When lords and kings are known no more.

III

He built the earth, he spread the sky,
And fix'd the starry lights on high :
Wonders of grace to God belong ;
Repeat his mercies in your song.

IV

He fills the sun with morning light ;
He bids the moon direct the night :
His mercies ever shall endure,
When suns and moons shall shine no more.

v He

V

He sent his son with pow'r to save
 From guilt, and darkness, and the grave :
 Wonders of grace to God belong ;
 Repeat his mercies in your song.

VI

Through this vain world he guides our feet,
 And leads us to his heav'nly seat ;
 His mercies ever shall endure,
 When this vain world shall be no more.

HYMN CXXVIII. L. M.

The christian's noblest resolution.

I

AH wretched souls, who strive in vain,
 Slaves to the world, and slaves to sin !
 A nobler toil may I sustain,
 A nobler satisfaction win :

II

May I resolve with all my heart,
 With all my pow'rs, to serve the LORD ;
 Nor from his precepts e'er depart,
 Whose service is a rich reward.

III

O be his service all my joy !
 Around let my example shine,
 Till others love the blest employ,
 And join in labours so divine.

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IV Be

IV

Be this the purpose of my soul,
My solemn, my determin'd choice,
To yield to his supreme controul,
And in his kind commands rejoice.

HYMN CXXIX. C. M.

Resignation to the will of God.

I

O LORD, my best desire fulfill,
And help me to resign
Life, health, and comfort to thy will,
And make thy pleasure mine.

II

Why should I shrink at thy command,
Whose love forbids my fears ;
Or tremble at the gracious hand
That wipes away my tears ?

III

No ; let me rather freely yield
What most I prize to thee,
Who never hast a good withheld,
Or wilt withhold, from me.

IV

Wisdom and mercy guide my way ;
Shall I resist them both ?
Short-sighted creature of a day,
And crush'd before the moth !

v But,

V

But, ah ! my inward spirit cries,
Still bind me to thy sway ;
Else the next cloud that veils the skies
Drives all these thoughts away.

HYMN CXXX. C. M.

Human frailty, divine compassion.

I

LORD, we adore thy wondrous name,
And make that name our trust,
Which rais'd at first this curious frame
From mean and lifeless dust.

II

Awhile these frail machines endure,
The fabric of a day ;
Then know their vital pow'rs no more,
But moulder back to clay.

III

Yet, LORD, whate'er is felt or fear'd,
This thought is our repose,
That He, by whom this frame was rear'd,
Its various weakness knows.

IV

Thou view'st us with a pitying eye,
While struggling with our load ;
In pain and dangers thou art nigh,
Our father, and our God.

v Gently

V

Gently supported by thy love,
We tend to realms of peace,
Where ev'ry pain shall far remove,
And ev'ry frailty cease.

HYMN CXXXI. C. M.

Joy and prosperity from God.

I

SHINE on our souls, eternal God,
With rays of mercy shine ;
O let thy favour crown our days,
And all their round be thine !

II

Did we not raise our hands to thee,
Our hands might toil in vain ;
Small joy success itself would give,
Didst thou thy love restrain.

III

With thee let ev'ry week begin,
With thee each day be spent ;
For thee each fleeting hour improv'd,
Since each by thee is lent.

IV

Thus cheer us thro' this dang'rous road,
Till all our labours cease,
And heav'n refresh our weary souls
With everlasting peace.

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HYMN CXXXII. L. M.

The sinner's portion, the christian's hope.

I

LORD, I am thine ; but thou wilt prove
My faith, my patience, and my love :
Though worldly men to wound me join,
They are the sword, the hand is thine.

II

Their hope and portion lies below ;
'Tis all the happiness they know :
'Tis all they seek ; they take their shares,
And leave the rest among their heirs.

III

What sinners value, I resign ;
LORD, 'tis enough that thou art mine :
I shall behold thy blissful face,
And stand complete in righteousness.

IV

This life 's a dream, an empty show ;
But the bright world, to which we go,
Hath joys substantial and sincere :
When shall I wake, and find me there ?

V

O glorious hour ! O blest abode !
I shall be near and like my God ;

And

And flesh and sin no more controul
The sacred pleasures of the soul.

VI

My flesh shall slumber in the ground
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound ;
Then burst the bonds with glad surprise,
And in my Saviour's image rise.

HYMN CXXXIII. L. M.

Praise for national peace.

I

GREAT ruler of the earth and skies !
A word of thine almighty breath
Can sink the world, or bid it rise ;
Thy smile is life, thy frown is death.

II

When angry nations rush to arms,
And rage, and noise, and tumult reign,
And war resounds its dire alarms,
And slaughter spreads the hostile plain ;

III

Thy sov'reign eye looks calmly down,
And marks their course, and bounds their
pow'r ;
Thy word the angry nations own,
And noise and war are heard no more.

iv Then

IV

Then peace returns with balmy wing :
(Sweet peace ! with her what blessings fled !)
Glad plenty laughs, the valleys sing,
Reviving commerce lifts her head.

V

Thou good and wise, and righteous LORD !
All move subservient to thy will ;
And peace and war await thy word,
And thy sublime decrees fulfill.

VI

To thee we pay our grateful songs,
Thy kind protection still implore :
O may our hearts, and lives, and tongues,
Confess thy goodness, and adore !

HYMN CXXXIV. L. M.

Heaven the abode of the righteous.

I

THE spacious earth is thine, O LORD !
It owes its being to thy word :
And, fill'd with various good, thy grace
Hath giv'n it for our dwelling-place.

II

But there's a brighter world on high,
Thy palace, LORD, above the sky :

Who

Who shall ascend that blest abode,
And dwell so near his maker, God?

III

They that abhor and fear to sin,
Whose hearts are pure, whose hands are
clean :

Them shall the heav'nly father bless,
And give them crowns of righteousness.

IV

These are the men, the pious race,
Who only seek aright thy face :
They shall enjoy the blissful sight,
And dwell in everlasting light.

HYMN CXXXV. L. M.

Security of the divine promise.

I

YON glorious orbs that gild the sky
Proclaim the God who reigns on high ;
He pours the radiant stream they boast,
And marshals all the moving host.

II

But glitt'ring stars shall cease to burn ;
The sun forsake his golden urn :
This earth, these heav'ns, be swept away,
The splendid pageant of a day.

III Yet

III

Yet will th' Eternal wake to birth
 More radiant heav'ns, a fairer earth,
 Whose lustre shall admit no shade,
 Whose lasting bloom shall never fade.

IV

When time and death shall be no more,
 To those bright realms the saints shall soar ;
 And, welcom'd by their faithful LORD,
 Shall then receive their vast reward.

HYMN CXXXVI. C. M.

God our portion here and hereafter.

I

GOD ! our supporter and our hope,
 Our help for ever near,
 Thy mercy holds our spirits up
 In all we feel or fear.

II

Thy counsels, LORD, shall guide our feet
 Through this dark wilderness ;
 Thine hand conduct us near thy seat,
 To dwell before thy face.

III

No blessing equal to thy love
 We through creation see :
 On earth beneath, in heav'n above,
 Whom have we, LORD, but thee ?

IV What

IV

What if the springs of life were broke,
 And flesh and heart should faint ?
 God is our soul's eternal rock,
 The strength of ev'ry saint.

V

The man who far from thee removes
 Shall find his comforts die ;
 Not all the vanities he loves
 Can peace or hope supply.

VI

But to draw near to thee, O God,
 Will prove our best employ ;
 In life our sweetest pleasure be,
 In death our only joy.

HYMN CXXXVII. L. M.

God a lasting refuge.

I

THOU, LORD, through ev'ry changing scene
 Hast to thy saints a refuge been ;
 Through ev'ry age, eternal God,
 Their pleasing home, their safe abode.

II

In thee our fathers sought their rest,
 In thee our fathers still were blest ;
 And though in death's dark vale they lie,
 They soon shall rise above the sky.

III Lo,

III

Lo, we are ris'n, a feeble race!
 Awhile to fill our fathers' place :
 Our helpless state with pity view,
 And let us share their refuge too.

IV

Through all the thorny paths we trace
 In this uncertain wilderness,
 When friends desert, and foes invade,
 Revive our heart, and guard our head.

V

So, when this pilgrimage is o'er,
 And we must dwell on earth no more,
 To thee, great God, O may we come,
 And find in thee a surer home !

VI

To thee our infant race we leave,
 Them may their fathers' God receive !
 That voices yet unform'd may raise
 Succeeding hymns of humble praise.

HYMN CXXXVIII. L. M.

God's name our encouragement.

I

LET great JEHOVAH be ador'd,
 Th' eternal, all-sufficient lord !
 He through the world most high confest,
 By whom 't was form'd, and is possest.

II Awake,

II

Awake, our noblest pow'rs, to bless
The God of *Abram*, God of peace ;
Now by a dearer title known,
Father and God of Christ, his son.

III

Through ev'ry age his gracious ear
Is open to his servants' pray'r :
Nor did the humble e'er complain
That they had sought their God in vain.

IV

What unbelieving heart shall dare
In whispers to suggest a fear ?
While still he owns his ancient name,
The same his pow'r, his love the same.

V

To thee our souls in faith arise ;
To thee we lift expecting eyes,
And boldly through the desert tread :
Thou, God ! wilt guard where thou shalt lead.

HYMN CXXXIX. C. M.

Praise to God from all mankind.

I

O ALL ye nations, praise the LORD,
Each with a diff'rent tongue ;
In ev'ry language learn his word,
And let his name be sung !

II His

II

His mercy reigns through ev'ry land ;
 Proclaim his grace abroad :
 For ever firm his truth shall stand ;
 Praise ye the faithful God.

L. M.

I

From all that dwell below the skies
 Let the Creator's praise arise ;
 Let his redeeming love be sung
 Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.

II

Eternal are thy mercies, LORD !
 Eternal truth attends thy word :
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
 Till suns shall rise and set no more.

S. M.

I

Thy name, almighty LORD,
 Shall sound through distant lands :
 Great is thy grace, and sure thy word ;
 Thy truth for ever stands.

II

Far be thine honour spread,
 And long thy praise endure,
 Till morning light and ev'ning shade
 Shall be exchang'd no more.

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HYMN CXL. C. M.

Reverential worship.

I

WITH rev'rence let the saints appear
And bow before the **LORD**,
His high commands with rev'rence hear,
And tremble at his word.

II

How terrible thy glories be !
How bright thine armies shine !
Where is the pow'r that vies with thee ?
Or truth compar'd with thine ?

III

The northern pole, and southern, rest
On thy supporting hand ;
Darkness and day, from east to west,
Move round at thy command.

IV

Thy words the raging wind control,
And rule the boist'rous deep ;
Thou mak'st the sleeping billows roll,
The rolling billows sleep.

V

Justice and judgement are thy throne,
Yet wondrous is thy grace ;
While truth and mercy, join'd in one,
Invite us near thy face.

HYMN CXLI. S. M.

The righteous and the wicked.

I

THE man is ever blest
Who shuns the sinners' ways,
Among their counsels never stands,
Nor takes the scorner's place :

II

But makes the law of God
His study and delight,
Amidst the labours of the day,
And watches of the night.

III

He like a tree shall thrive,
With waters near the root ;
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live ;
His works are heav'nly fruit.

IV

Not so th' ungodly race,
They no such blessings find :
Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff
Before the driving wind.

V

God knows, and he approves,
The way the righteous go ;
But sinners and their works shall meet
A dreadful overthrow.

HYMN CXLII. L. M.

Prayer and praise.

I

YE servants of th' eternal king !
Your grateful hymns triumphant sing :
May pious joy your hearts inflame,
While you his glorious praise proclaim !

II

And may the God, whose pow'r has made
The earth, and heav'n's wide arch display'd,
Never from you, his sons, remove
The blessings of a father's love !

HYMN CXLIII. C. M.

Confidence in God.

I

GREAT God ! thine attributes divine,
Thy glorious works and ways,
The wonders of thy pow'r and might,
The universe displays.

II

In safety may thy children rest
On thy sustaining arm ;
Extended still, and strong to save
From danger and alarm.

III O may

III

O may thy gracious presence, LORD,
 Chase anxious fears away ;
 Amidst the ruins of the world,
 Our guardian and our stay !

HYMN CXLIV. C. M.

God glorified in his works.

I

O LORD, how excellent thy name !
 How glorious to behold !
 Engraven fair on all thy works
 In characters of gold !

II

On heav'n's immeasurable face,
 In lines immensely great,
 In small, on ev'ry leaf and flow'r,
 Creator God is writ.

III

Though reason be not giv'n to all,
 Nor voice to thee, O sun !
 Their maker all proclaim, and here
 Their language is but one.

IV

From land to land, and world to world,
 Thy fame is echo'd round ;
 And ages as they pass transmit
 The never-dying sound :

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v While

V

While man, the last and noblest work
Of all this nether frame,
With the first vital breath he drew,
Confess'd from whence he came.

VI

And thou, my soul, what wilt thou do
To speak thy former's praise?
Harmonious hymns and raptures high
This holy theme should raise.

HYMN CXLV. C. M.

Divine mercy in affliction.

I

GREAT ruler of all nature's frame!
We own thy pow'r divine:
We hear thy breath in ev'ry storm,
For all the winds are thine.

II

Wide as they sweep their sounding way,
They work thy sov'reign will;
And, aw'd by thy majestic voice,
Confusion shall be still.

III

Thy mercy tempers ev'ry blast
To them that seek thy face;
And mingles with the tempest's roar
The whispers of thy grace.

HYMN CXLVI. C. M.

Prayer for spiritual and eternal blessings.

I

ETERNAL source of life and light,
Supremely good and wise !
To thee we bring our grateful vows,
To thee lift up our eyes.

II

Our dark and erring minds illumine
With truth's celestial rays ;
Inspire our hearts with sacred love,
And tune our lips to praise.

III

Safely conduct us, by thy grace,
Through life's perplexing road ;
And place us, when that journey's o'er,
At thy right hand, O God !

HYMN CXLVII. S. M.

The blessings of the gospel.

I

HOW beauteous are their feet
Who stand on Zion's hill !
Who bring salvation on their tongues,
And words of peace reveal !

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How happy are our ears
That hear this joyful sound,
Which kings and prophets waited for,
And sought, but never found !

III

How blessed are our eyes,
That see this heav'nly light ;
Prophets and kings desir'd it long,
But died without the sight.

HYMN CXLVIII. P. M.

Efficacy of the gospel.

I

MARK the soft-falling snow,
And the descending rain !
To heav'n, from whence it fell,
It turns not back again ;
But waters earth
Through ev'ry pore,
And calls forth all
Her secret store.

II

Array'd in beauteous green
The hills and valleys shine,
And man and beast are fed
By providence divine :

The

The harvest bows
 Its golden ears,
 The copious seed
 Of future years.

III

So, saith the God of grace,
 My gospel shall descend,
 Almighty to effect
 The purpose I intend ;
 Millions of souls
 Shall feel its pow'r,
 And bear it down
 To millions more.

HYMN CXLIX. C. M.

The wisdom of God in the formation of man.

I

WHEN I with pleasing wonder stand,
 And all my frame survey,
 LORD, 'tis thy work ! I own thy hand
 Thus built my humble clay.

II

Thy hand my heart and reins possess'd,
 Where unborn nature grew ;
 Thy wisdom all my features trac'd,
 And all my members drew.

III Thine

III

Thine eye with nicest care survey'd
 The growth of ev'ry part,
 Till the whole scheme thy thoughts had laid
 Was copy'd by thy art.

IV

Heav'n, earth, and sea, and fire, and wind,
 Show me thy wondrous skill ;
 But I review myself, and find
 Diviner wonders still.

HYMN CL. P. M.

The divine government.

I

THE soul of the world all its homage may
 claim,
 Unrival'd, alone, first and last is his name :
 The fountain of life, let all living implore ;
 Creation's creator, creation adore.

II

The God of all love formed life to be blest,
 The God of all power conducts all to rest ;
 Through worlds and through ages, both here
 and to come,
 All being refines till it reaches its home.

III When

III

When suns are all sunk, worlds on worlds are
 decay'd,
 And spheres yet unformed their circuits have
 made,
 To crown all the works of th' omnipotent's
 hand,
 All rational nature accepted shall stand.

IV

With pow'rs yet untry'd, with affections re-
 fin'd,
 With raptures and joys yet unknown to man-
 kind,
 One vast hallelujah of worship and praise,
 To the source of all being, all being shall raise.

HYMN CLI. C. M.

Works of creation and providence.

I

REJOICE, ye righteous, in the LORD ;
 This work belongs to you :
 Sing of his name, his ways, his word,
 How holy, just, and true !

II

His mercy and his righteousness
 Let heav'n and earth proclaim ;
 His works of nature and of grace
 Reveal his wondrous name.

III His

III

His wisdom and almighty word
 The heav'nly arches spread ;
 And by the spirit of the LORD
 Their shining hosts were made.

IV

He bid the liquid waters flow
 To their appointed deep ;
 The flowing seas their limits know,
 And their own station keep.

V

Ye tenants of the spacious earth,
 With fear before him stand :
 He spake ; and nature took its birth,
 And rests on his command.

VI

He scorns the angry nations' rage,
 And breaks their vain designs ;
 His counsel stands through ev'ry age,
 And in full glory shines.

HYMN CLII. L. M.

The voice of nature.

I

THERE is a God, all nature speaks,
 Through earth, and air, and seas, and
 skies :
 See, from the clouds his glory breaks,
 When the first beams of morning rise !

II The

II

The rising sun, serenely bright,
O'er the wide world's extended frame,
Inscribes, in characters of light,
His mighty Maker's glorious name.

III

Diffusing life, his influence spreads,
And health and plenty smile around ;
And fruitful fields, and verdant meads,
Are with a thousand blessings crown'd.

IV

Almighty goodness, pow'r divine,
The fields and verdant meads display ;
And bless the hand which made them shine
With various charms profusely gay.

V

For man and beast, here daily food
In wide diffusive plenty grows ;
And there, for drink, the crystal flood,
In streams sweet winding, gently flows.

VI

The flow'ry tribes all blooming rise,
Above the faint attempts of art ;
Their bright inimitable dyes
Speak sweet conviction to the heart.

VII

Ye curious minds, who roam abroad,
And trace creation's wonders o'er!
Confess the footsteps of the God,
And bow before him, and adore.

HYMN CLIII. C. M.

The mystery and benignity of providence.

I

GOD moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

II

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up his great designs,
And works his sov'reign will.

III

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take!
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and will break
In blessings on your head.

IV

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding ev'ry hour:
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flow'r.

v Blind

V

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan his work in vain ;
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.

HYMN CLIV. S. M.

The changes of human life appointed by God.

I

AS various as the moon
Is man's estate below :
To his bright day of gladness soon
Succeeds a night of woe.

II

The night of woe resigns
Its darkness and its grief ;
Again the morn of comfort shines,
And brings our souls relief.

III

Yet not from fickle chance
These varying scenes arise :
Our dark and brighter hours advance
By laws supremely wise.

IV

God measures unto all
Their lot of good and ill ;
Nor this too great, nor that too small,
Ordain'd by heav'n's high will.

v Let

V

Let man conform his mind
 To ev'ry changing state :
 Be joyful now, and now resign'd,
 And the great issue wait.

VI

Hopeful and humble bear
 Thine evil and thy good ;
 Nor by presumption, nor despair,
 Weak mortal ! be subdu'd.

HYMN CLV. C. M.

Encouragement in God.

I

WHEN in the vale of lengthen'd years
 My feeble feet shall tread,
 And I survey the various scenes
 Through which I have been led ;

II

How many mercies will my life
 Before my view unfold !
 What countless dangers will be past !
 What tales of sorrow told !

III

But, O my soul ! if thou canst say
 I've seen my God in all ;
 In ev'ry trouble own'd his hand,
 In ev'ry gift his call :

IV If

IV

If piety have mark'd my steps,
 And love my actions form'd,
 And purity possess'd my heart,
 And truth my lips adorn'd :

V

If I an aged servant am
 Of Jesus and of God ;
 I need not fear the closing scene,
 Nor dread th' appointed road.

VI

This scene will all my labours end ;
 This road conduct on high ;
 With comfort I'll review the past,
 And triumph, though I die.

HYMN CLVI. S. M.

Obligation to gratitude and praise.

I

MY Maker and my King !
 To thee my all I owe :
 Thy sov'reign bounty is the spring
 From whence my blessings flow.

II

Thou ever good and kind !
 A thousand reasons move,
 A thousand obligations bind
 My heart to grateful love.

III The

III

The creature of thy hand,
 On thee alone I live :
 My God ! thy benefits demand
 More praise than tongue can give.

IV

O let thy grace inspire
 My soul with strength divine ;
 Let all my pow'rs to thee aspire,
 And all my days be thine !

HYMN CLVII. L. M.

Hymn to the Deity.

I

GREATEST of beings, source of life,
 Sov'reign of air, and earth, and sea ;
 All nature feels thy pow'r, and all
 A silent homage pay to thee.

II

Wak'd by thy hand, the morning sun
 Pours forth to thee its earlier rays,
 And spreads thy glories as it climbs ;
 While raptur'd worlds look up and praise.

III

The moon to the deep shades of night
 Speaks the mild lustre of thy name ;
 While all the stars that cheer the scene,
 Thee the great LORD of light proclaim.

IV And

IV

And groves, and vales, and rocks, and hills,
And ev'ry flow'r, and ev'ry tree,
Ten thousand creatures warm with life,
Have each a grateful song for thee.

V

But man was form'd to rise to heav'n ;
And, blest with reason's clearer light,
He views his Maker through his works,
And glows with rapture at the sight.

VI

Nor can the thousand songs that rise,
Whether from air, or earth, or sea,
So well repeat JEHOVAH's praise,
Or raise such sacred harmony.

HYMN CLVIII. L. M.

The same subject.

I

GREATEST of beings, source of life,
Sov'reign of air, of earth, and sea !
All nature feels thy pow'r, but man
A grateful tribute pays to thee.

II

Subject to wants, to thee he looks,
And from thy goodness seeks supplies ;
And when oppress with guilt he mourns,
Thy mercy lifts him to the skies.

III Children,

III

Children, whose little minds, unform'd,
Ne'er rais'd a tender thought to heav'n ;
And men, whom reason lifts to God,
Though oft by passion downward driv'n :

IV

Those too, who bend with age and care,
And faint and tremble near the tomb ;
Who, sick'ning at the present scenes,
Sigh for that better state to come :—

V

All, great Creator ! all are thine ;
All feel thy providential care ;
And through each varying scene of life
Alike thy constant pity share.

VI

And whether grief oppress the heart ;
Or whether joy elate the breast ;
Or life still keep its little course ;
Or death invite the heart to rest :—

VII

All are thy messengers, and all
Thy sacred pleasure, LORD, obey ;
And all are training man to dwell
Nearer to bliss, and nearer thee.

HYMN CLIX. L. M.

God's omniscience and omnipresence.

I

FATHER of all! omniscient mind!
Thy wisdom who can comprehend?
Its highest point what eye can find,
Or to its lowest depths descend?

II

What cavern deep, what hill sublime,
Beyond thy reach shall I pursue?
What dark recess, what distant clime,
Shall hide me from thy boundless view?

III

If up to heav'n's ethereal height,
Thy prospect to elude, I rise;
In splendour there supremely bright,
Thy presence shall my sight surprise.

IV

Thee, mighty God! my wond'ring soul,
Thee, all her conscious pow'rs adore;
Whose being circumscribes the whole,
Whose eyes the universe explore.

V

Thine essence fills this breathing frame,
It glows in ev'ry vital part;
Lights up my soul with livelier flame,
And feeds with life my beating heart.

VI To

VI

To thee, from whom my being came,
Whose smile is all the heav'n I know ;
Inspir'd with this exalted theme,
To thee my grateful strains shall flow.

HYMN CLX. P. M.

The God of the Gentiles.

I

LET all the earth their voices raise
To sing the choicest psalms of praise,
To sing and bless JEHOVAH's name :
His glory let the heathens know,
His wonders to the nations show,
And all his saving works proclaim.

II

The heathens know thy glory, LORD :
The wond'ring nations read thy word ;
In Britain is JEHOVAH known :
Our worship shall no more be paid
To gods which mortal hands have made :
Our maker is our God alone.

III

He fram'd the globe, he built the sky,
He made the shining worlds on high,
And reigns complete in glory there :
His beams are majesty and light ;
His beauties, how divinely bright !
His temple, how divinely fair !

IV. Come

IV

Come the great day, the glorious hour,
When earth shall feel his saving pow'r,
And barb'rous nations fear his name :
Then shall the race of man confess
The beauty of his holiness,
And in his courts his grace proclaim.

HYMN CLXI. L. M.

Blessings of the spring.

I

AT God's command the morning ray
Smiles in the east, and leads the day :
He guides the sun's declining wheels
Over the tops of western hills.

II

Seasons and times obey his voice :
The ev'ning and the morn rejoice
To see the earth made soft with show'rs,
Laden with fruit and drest in flow'rs.

III

'Tis from his wat'ry stores on high
He gives the thirsty ground supply ;
He walks upon the clouds, and thence
Doth his enriching drops dispense.

iv The

IV

The desert grows a fruitful field ;
 Abundant food the valleys yield ;
 The valleys shout with cheerful voice,
 And neighb'ring hills repeat their joys.

V

The pastures smile in green array ;
 There lambs and larger cattle play ;
 The larger cattle and the lamb
 Each in his language speaks thy name.

VI

Thy works pronounce thy pow'r divine,
 O'er ev'ry field thy glories shine :
 Through ev'ry month thy gifts appear :
 Great God ! thy goodness crowns the year.

HYMN CLXII. C. M.

The blessings of rain.

I

'TIS by thy strength the mountains stand,
 God of eternal pow'r !
 The sea grows calm at thy command,
 And tempests cease to roar.

II

Thy morning light and ev'ning shade
 Successive comforts bring :
 Thy plenteous fruits make harvest glad,
 Thy flow'rs adorn the spring.

III Seasons

III

Seasons and times, and moons and hours,
 Heav'n, earth, and air are thine :
 When clouds distill in fruitful show'rs,
 The Author is divine.

IV

The thirsty ridges drink their fill,
 And ranks of corn appear ;
 Thy ways abound with blessings still,
 Thy goodness crowns the year.

HYMN CLXIII C. M.

The blessings of the spring.

I

GOOD is the LORD, the heav'nly king,
 Who makes the earth his care ;
 Visits the pastures ev'ry spring,
 And bids the grass appear.

II

The clouds, like rivers rais'd on high,
 Pour out at thy command
 Their wat'ry blessings from the sky,
 To cheer the thirsty land.

III

The soften'd ridges of the field
 Permit the corn to spring ;
 The valleys rich provision yield,
 And the poor lab'ers sing.

iv The

IV

The little hills on ev'ry side
 Rejoice at falling show'rs ;
 The meadows, drest in all their pride,
 Perfume the air with flow'rs.

V

The barren clods, refresh'd with rain,
 Promise a joyful crop ;
 The parched grounds look green again,
 And raise the reaper's hope.

VI

The various months thy goodness crowns ;
 How beauteous are thy ways !
 The bleating flocks spread o'er the downs,
 And shepherds shout thy praise.

HYMN CLXIV. L. M.

The christian warfare.

I

AWAKE, my soul ! lift up thine eyes ;
 See where thy foes against thee rise,
 In long array, a num'rous host ;
 Awake, my soul ! or thou art lost.

II

Here giant danger threat'ning stands,
 Must'ring his pale terrific bands ;
 There pleasure's silken banner spread,
 And willing souls are captive led.

III See

III

See where rebellious passions rage,
And fierce desires and lusts engage :
The meanest foe of all the train
Has thousands and ten thousands slain.

IV

Thou tread'st upon enchanted ground ;
Perils and snares beset thee round ;
Beware of all, guard ev'ry part,
But most the traitor in thine heart.

V

Come then, my soul ! now learn to wield
The weight of thine immortal shield ;
Put on the armour from above
Of heav'nly truth and heav'nly love.

VI

The terror and the charm repel,
And pow'rs of earth, and pow'rs of hell :
The man of Calv'ry triumph'd here ;
Why should his faithful follow'rs fear ?

HYMN CLXV. L. M.

God's compassion to human weakness.

I

GREAT God ! if nature, weak and frail,
To strong temptations oft give way ;
If doubt or passion should prevail
O'er wand'ring reason's feeble ray :

II On

II

On thy compassion I rely ;
 Let not thy frowns my faults reprove ;
 Regard me with a father's eye,
 And guide me with a father's love.

HYMN CLXVI. C. M.

Zeal and vigour in the christian race.

I

AWAKE, my soul ! stretch ev'ry nerve,
 And press with vigour on :
 A heav'nly race demands thy zeal,
 And an immortal crown.

II

A cloud of witnesses around
 Hold thee in full survey :
 Forget the steps already trod,
 And onward urge thy way.

III

'Tis God's all-animating voice
 That calls thee from on high ;
 'Tis his own hand presents the prize
 To thine uplifted eye :

IV

That prize with peerless glories bright,
 Which shall new lustre boast,
 When victors' wreaths and monarchs' gems
 Shall blend in common dust.

HYMN CLXVII. S. M.

Christian unity.

I

LET party names no more
The christian world o'erspread ;
Gentile and Jew and bond and free
Are one in Christ their head.

II

Among the saints on earth
Let mutual love be found ;
Heirs of the same inheritance,
With mutual blessings crown'd.

III

Envy and strife, be gone,
And only kindness known,
Where all one common father have,
One common master own.

IV

Thus will the church below
Resemble that above ;
Where springs of purest pleasure rise,
And ev'ry heart is love.

HYMN CLXVIII. C. M.

The aged saint's reflection and hope.

I

MY God, my everlasting hope,
 I live upon thy truth :
 Thine hands have held my childhood up,
 And strengthen'd all my youth.

II

Still has my life new wonders seen
 Repeated ev'ry year ;
 Behold my days that yet remain,
 I trust them to thy care.

III

Cast me not off when strength declines,
 When hoary hairs arise ;
 And round me let thy glory shine,
 Whene'er thy servant dies.

HYMN CLXIX. L. M.

Praise to God.

I

NATIONS, with all your various tongues,
 To God your maker raise your songs ;
 Loud sound his name, that nature's ear
 His praise through all her bounds may hear.

II Exult,

II

Exult, each tribe ; exult, each land :
 Heav'n's mighty LORD with equal hand
 The balance holds ; the world's domain
 Shall own to latest times his reign.

III

Thy sov'reign's name, O earth, revere ;
 And let thy sons with holy fear
 To him in low prostration bend,
 And, duteous, his decrees attend.

IV

To God, of life th' eternal spring,
 Invisible, all-potent king,
 One chorus let all creatures raise,
 One hymn of universal praise.

HYMN CLXX. L. M.

The sabbath.

I

HOW welcome thy returning beams,
 Thou fairest morn of all the sev'n !
 Those wake to toil and earthly schemes ;
 Thou to repose and thoughts of heav'n !

II

The six days' noise and rage are o'er,
 Appeas'd the tumult and the strife ;
 Now may the spirit freely soar,
 No longer chain'd to cares of life.

I 2

III Come,

III

Come, let us join the goodly throng,
 And pay to God our early vow,
 Repeat his praise in cheerful song,
 And at his footstool humbly bow.

IV

He hath reveal'd a blest abode,
 In gospel-lines divinely fair;
 Come, let us seek the heav'nly road,
 That we may not be strangers there.

V

Nor with the sabbath's parting ray
 Let us our pious zeal conclude;
 But strive to know, each passing day,
 Some strengthen'd grace, or sin subdu'd.

VI

Then we may trust our father's love,
 That, when we've pass'd these days of care,
 Train'd for his blissful courts above,
 An endless sabbath we shall share.

HYMN CLXXI. L. M.

Christian duty.

I

SO let our lips and lives express
 The holy gospel we profess;
 So let our works and virtues shine,
 To prove the doctrine all divine.

II Thus

II

Thus shall we best proclaim abroad
The honours of our maker God ;
When his salvation reigns within,
And grace subdues the pow'r of sin.

III

Our flesh and sense must be denied,
Passion and envy, lust and pride ;
While justice, temp'rance, truth and love,
Our inward piety approve.

IV

Religion bears our spirits up,
While we expect that blessed hope,
The bright appearance of our LORD,
And faith stands leaning on his word.

HYMN CLXXII. C. M.

Hope of divine mercy.

I

WHEN, rising from the bed of death,
O'erwhelm'd with guilt and fear,
I see my maker face to face,
O how shall I appear !

II

If yet, while pardon may be found,
And mercy may be sought,
My heart with inward horror shrinks,
And trembles at the thought :

III When

III

When thou, O LORD ! shalt stand disclos'd
In majesty severe,
And sit in judgement on my soul,
O how shall I appear !

HYMN CLXXIII. L. M.

God every where present.

I

WHO can by searching find out God ?
Who can ascend his bright abode ?
Yet, LORD, thy glories we adore,
And long to know and love thee more.

II

Thine hand unseen sustains the poles
On which the vast creation rolls ;
The starry skies proclaim thy pow'r,
Thy pencil glows in ev'ry flow'r.

III

In thousand shapes and colours rise
Thy works to our admiring eyes ;
Where sense can reach, or fancy rove,
From hill to vale, from field to grove.

IV

Across the waves, around the sky,
There's not a place, or deep or high,
Where the Creator hath not trod,
And left the footstep of a God.

HYMN CLXXIV. C. M.

The shortness of life and the goodness of God.

I

TIME! what an empty vapour 't is !
And days, how swift they are !
Swift as an Indian arrow flies,
Or like a shooting star.

II

The present moments just appear,
Then slide away in haste,
That we can never say, *They're here :*
But only say, *They're past.*

III

Our life is ever on the wing,
And death is ever nigh ;
The moment when our lives begin,
We all begin to die.

IV

Yet, mighty God ! our fleeting days
Thy lasting favours share ;
Yet with the bounties of thy grace
Thou load'st the rolling year.

V

'T is sov'reign mercy finds us food,
And we are cloth'd with love ;
While grace stands pointing out the road
That leads our souls above.

VI His

VI

His goodness runs an endless round ;
All glory to the LORD !
His mercy never knows a bound ;
And be his name ador'd !

VII

Thus we begin the lasting song ;
And when we close our eyes,
Let the next age thy praise prolong,
Till time with nature dies.

HYMN CLXXV. L. M.

The great journey.

I

BEHOLD the path which mortals tread
Down to the regions of the dead !
Nor will the fleeting moments stay,
Nor can we measure back our way.

II

Our kindred and our friends are gone :
Know, O my soul ! this doom thine own ;
Feeble as theirs, thy mortal frame,
The same thy way, thine home the same.

III

From vital air, from cheerful light,
To the cold grave's perpetual night,
From scenes of duty, means of grace,
Must I to God's tribunal pass ?

IV Awake,

IV

Awake, my soul ! thy way prepare,
And lose in this each meaner care ;
With steady feet that path be trod,
Which, through the grave, conducts to God.

HYMN CLXXVI. L. M.

Morning hymn.

I

IN sleep's serene oblivion laid,
I safely pass'd the silent night :
Again I see the breaking shade,
I drink again the morning light.

II

New-born, I bless the waking hour ;
Once more with awe rejoice to *be* ;
My conscious soul resumes her pow'r,
And springs, my guardian God ! to thee.

III

O guide me through the various maze
My doubtful feet are doom'd to tread ;
And spread thy shield's protecting blaze
Where dangers press around my head.

IV

A deeper shade shall soon impend,
A deeper sleep my eyes oppress ;
Yet then thy strength shall still defend,
Thy goodness still delight to bless.

V

That deeper shade shall break away,
That deeper sleep shall leave mine eyes ;
Thy light shall give eternal day ;
Thy love, the rapture of the skies.

HYMN CLXXVII. L. M.

An evening hymn.

I

GREAT God! to thee my ev'ning song
With humble gratitude I raise :
O let thy mercy tune my tongue,
And fill my heart with lively praise.

II

My days, unclouded as they pass,
And ev'ry gently rolling hour,
Are monuments of wondrous grace,
And witness to thy love and pow'r.

III

Thy love and pow'r, celestial guard,
Preserve me from surrounding harms :
Can danger reach me, while the LORD
Extends his kind protecting arms ?

IV

Let cheering hope my eyelids close,
With sleep refresh my feeble frame ;
Safe in thy care may I repose,
And wake with praises to thy name !

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HYMN CLXXVIII. C. M.

The Lord's day morning.

I

AGAIN the LORD of life and light
Awakes the kindling ray ;
Unseals the eyelids of the morn,
And pours increasing day.

II

O what a night was that, which wrapt
The heathen world in gloom !
O what a sun, which broke this day
Triumphant from the tomb !

III

This day be grateful homage paid,
And loud hosannas sung ;
Let gladness dwell in ev'ry heart,
And praise on ev'ry tongue.

IV

Ten thousand diff'ring lips still join
To hail this welcome morn,
Which scatters blessings from its wings
To nations yet unborn.

HYMN CLXXIX. P. M.

Confidence in God.

I

O THOU whose pow'r o'er moving worlds
presides !

Whose voice created and whose wisdom
guides !

On darkling man, in pure effulgence shine,
And cheer the clouded mind with light divine !

II

'Tis thine alone to calm the pious breast
With silent confidence, and holy rest ;

From thee, great God, we spring, to thee we
tend ;

Path, motive, guide, original, and end.

HYMN CLXXX. C. M.

Prosperity and adversity.

I

THE LORD ! how tender is his love,
His justice how august !

Hence all her fears my soul derives,

There anchors all her trust.

II

He show'rs the manna from above,
To feed the barren waste ;

Or points with death the fiery hail,
And famine waits the blast.

III Crowns,

III

Crowns, realms, and worlds, his wrath incens'd,

Are dust beneath his tread :

He blights the fair, unplumes the proud,
And shakes the learned head.

IV

He bids distress forget to groan,

The sick from anguish cease ;

In dungeons spreads his healing wing,
And softly whispers peace.

V

Thy vengeance rides the rushing wind,
Or tips the bolt with flame :

Thy goodness breathes in ev'ry breeze,
And warms in ev'ry beam.

VI

For me, O LORD ! whatever lot

The hours commission'd bring ;

Do all my with'ring blessings die,
Or fairer clusters spring ;

VII

Oh ! grant that still with grateful heart

My years resign'd may run :

'Tis thine to give, or to resume ;
And may thy will be done !

HYMN CLXXXI. C. M.

The vegetable creation an emblem of the resurrection of man.

I

ALL nature dies, and lives again :
The flow'r that paints the field,
The trees that crown the mountain's brow,
And boughs and blossoms yield ;

II

Resign the honours of their form
At winter's stormy blast ;
And leave the naked, leafless plain
A desolated waste.

III

Yet soon reviving plants and flow'rs
Anew shall deck the plain ;
The woods shall hear the voice of spring,
And flourish green again.

IV

So, to the dreary grave consign'd,
Man sleeps in death's dark gloom,
Until th' eternal morning wake
The slumbers of the tomb.

V

O may the grave become to me
The bed of peaceful rest ;
Whence I shall gladly rise at length,
And mingle with the blest !

VI Cheer'd

VI

Cheer'd by this hope, with patient mind
I'll wait heav'n's high decree ;
Till the appointed period come
When death shall set me free.

HYMN CLXXXII. S. M.

Praise for the mission of Christ.

I

RAISE your triumphant songs
To an immortal tune ;
Let the wide earth resound the deeds
Celestial grace hath done.

II

Sing how eternal love
Its well-beloved chose,
And bade him raise our sinful race
From their abyss of woes.

III

Pardon and peace from heav'n
Jesus proclaims abroad,
And brings to erring guilty man
Sure mercy from his God.

IV

Now sinners dry your tears,
Let hopeless sorrow cease ;
Bow to the sceptre of his love,
And take the offer'd peace.

V LORD,

V

LORD, we obey the call ;
We lay a humble claim
To the salvation thou hast sent,
And love and praise thy name.

HYMN CLXXXIII. S. M.

A timely improvement of life.

I

THE swift-declining day,
How fast its moments fly !
While ev'ning's broad and gloomy shade
Spreads o'er the western sky.

II

Ye mortals ! mark its pace ;
Improve the hours of light ;
And know, your maker can command
An instantaneous night.

III

His word blots out the sun
In its meridian blaze,
And cuts from smiling vig'rous youth
The remnant of its days.

IV

On the dark mountain's brow
Your feet shall quickly slide ;
And from its airy summit dash
Your momentary pride.

v Give

V

Give glory to the LORD,
Who rules the rolling sphere ;
Submissive at his footstool bow,
And seek salvation there.

HYMN CLXXXIV. L. M.

For the Lord's supper.

I

THIS feast was Jesus' high behest,
This cup of thanks, his last request.
Ye who can feel his worth, attend,
Eat, drink, in mem'ry of your friend.

II

Around the patriot's bust ye throng,
Him ye exalt in swelling song :
For him the wreath of glory bind,
Who freed from vassalage his kind.

III

And shall not he your praises reap,
Who rescues from the iron-sleep ?
The great deliverer, whose breath
Unbinds the captives ev'n of death ?

IV

Shall he, who fellow-men to save
Became a tenant of the grave,
Unthank'd, uncelebrated, rise,
Pass unremember'd to the skies ?

v Christians !

V

Christians! unite with loud acclaim
 To hymn the Saviour's welcome name :
 On earth extol his wondrous love ;
 Repeat his praise in worlds above.

HYMN CLXXXV. P. M.

Christ risen, and death vanquished.

An Easter Hymn.

I

ANGEL! roll the rock away* :
 Death! yield up thy mighty prey :
 See! he rises from the tomb,
 Glowing with immortal bloom.
 Hallelujah !

II

'Tis the Saviour! Angel! raise
 Fame's eternal trump of praise :
 Let the world's remotest bound
 Hear the joy-inspiring sound.
 Hallelujah !

III

Shout, ye saints! in rapt'rous song,
 Let the strains be sweet and strong :
 Shout the Son of God, this morn
 From his sepulchre new-born †.
 Hallelujah !

* Matt. xxviii. 2.

† Rom. i. 4.

IV

Pow'rs of heav'n ! seraphic fires !
Sing, and sweep your golden lyres :
Sons of men ! in humbler strain,
Sing your mighty Saviour's reign.

Hallelujah !

HYMN CLXXXVI. P. M.

The never-ceasing goodness of God.

For New-Year's Day.

I

HOUSE of our God, with cheerful an-
thems ring,
While all our lips and hearts his goodness
sing ;
The op'ning year his graces shall pro-
claim,
And all its days be vocal with his name.
The LORD is good, his mercy never ending ;
His blessings in perpetual show'rs descend-
ing.

II

His goodness never fails ; the dawn, the
shade,
Still see new bounties through new scenes
display'd ;
Succeeding ages bless this sure abode,
And children lean upon their fathers' God.
The

The deathless soul, through its immense du-
ration,
Drinks from this source immortal consola-
tion.

III

Burst into praise, my soul! all nature, join;
Angels and men, in harmony combine:
While human years are measur'd by the
sun,
Yea, while eternity its course shall run,
His goodness, in perpetual show'rs descend-
ing,
Exalt in songs and raptures never ending.

HYMN CLXXXVII. L. M.

Peaceful reflection.

I

HOW blest is he whose tranquil mind,
When life declines, recalls again
The years that time has cast behind,
And reaps delight from toil and pain!

II

So, when the transient storm is past,
The sudden gloom and driving show'r,
The sweetest sunshine is the last;
The loveliest is the ev'ning hour.

HYMN CLXXXVIII. L. M.

In time of war.

I

WHILE sounds of war are heard around,
And death and ruin strew the ground;
To thee we look, on thee we call,
The Parent and the Lord of all.

II

Thou, who hast stamp'd on human kind
The image of a heav'n-born mind,
And in a father's wide embrace
Hast cherish'd all the kindred race ;

III

O see, with what insatiate rage
Thy sons their impious battles wage ;
How spreads destruction like a flood,
And brothers shed their brothers' blood !

IV

See guilty passions spring to birth,
And deeds of wrath deform the earth ;
While righteousness and justice mourn,
And love and pity droop forlorn.

V

Great God ! whose pow'rful hand can bind
The raging waves, the furious wind,
O bid the human tempest cease,
And hush the madd'ning world to peace.

VI With

VI

With rev'rence may each hostile land
Hear and obey that high command,
Thy son's blest errand from above,
"My creatures, live in mutual love!"

HYMN CLXXXIX. L. M.

For a fast.

I

GREAT framer of unnumber'd worlds,
And whom unnumber'd worlds adore!
Whose goodness all thy creatures share,
While nature trembles at thy pow'r;

II

Thine is the hand that moves the spheres,
That wakes the winds, and lifts the sea;
And man, who moves the lord of earth,
Acts but the part assign'd by thee.

III

While suppliant crowds implore thine aid,
To thee we raise the humble cry;
Thine altar is the contrite heart;
Thine incense, a repentant sigh.

HYMN CXC. L. M.

Storm and thunder.

I

GIVE to the LORD, ye sons of fame,
Give to the LORD renown and pow'r;
Ascribe due honours to his name,
And his eternal might adore.

II

The LORD proclaims his pow'r aloud
Over the ocean and the land;
His voice divides the wat'ry cloud,
And lightnings blaze at his command.

III

He speaks; and tempest, hail and wind
Lay the wide forest bare around;
The fearful hart and frightened hind
Leap at the terror of the sound.

IV

To Lebanon he turns his voice,
And lo, the stately cedars break;
The mountains tremble at the noise;
The valleys roar, the deserts quake.

V

The LORD sits sov'reign on the flood;
The thund'rer reigns for ever king;
But makes his church his blest abode,
Where we his awful glories sing.

VI

In gentler language there the LORD
The counsel of his grace imparts ;
Amidst the raging storm his word
Speaks peace and courage to our hearts.

HYMN CXCI. L. M.

Wisdom and virtue sought from God.

I

SUPREME and universal light !
Fountain of reason ! Judge of right !
Parent of good ! whose blessings flow
On all above and all below :

II

Without whose kind directing ray
In everlasting night we stray,
From passion still to passion tost,
And in a maze of error lost :

III

Assist me, LORD ! to act, to be,
What nature and thy laws decree :
Worthy that intellectual flame,
Which from thy breathing spirit came.

IV

My moral freedom to maintain,
Bid passion serve, and reason reign,
Self-pois'd, and independent still
On this world's varying good or ill.

V

No slave to profit, shame, or fear,
O may my steadfast bosom bear
The stamp of heav'n, an honest heart,
Above the mean disguise of art !

VI

May my expanded soul disclaim
The narrow view, the selfish aim ;
But with a christian zeal embrace
Whate'er is friendly to my race !

VII

O Father ! grace and virtue grant,
No more I wish, no more I want :
To know, to serve thee, and to love,
Is peace below, is bliss above.

HYMN CXCII. C. M.

For the close of public worship.

I

LORD ! dismiss us with thy blessing,
Hope and comfort from above ;
Let us, each thy peace possessing,
Triumph in redeeming love.

II

Thanks we give and adoration
For thy gospel's joyful sound :
May the fruits of thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound !

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HYMN CXCIH. P. M.

Confidence in God.

I

THIS God is the God we adore,
 Our faithful, unchangeable friend :
 Whose mercy 's as great as his pow'r,
 And neither knows measure nor end.

II

JEHOVAH ! the first and the last,
 'T is he that shall bring us safe home :
 We praise him for all that is past,
 We trust him for all that 's to come.

HYMN CXCI. C. M.

Vicissitude of the seasons.

I

WITH songs and honours sounding loud
 Address the **LORD** on high ;
 Over the heav'ns he spreads his cloud,
 And waters veil the sky.

II

He sends his show'rs of blessings down
 To cheer the plains below ;
 He makes the grass the mountains crown,
 And corn in valleys grow.

III His

III

His steady counsels change the face
 Of the declining year ;
 He bids the sun cut short his race,
 And wintry days appear.

IV

His hoary frost, his fleecy snow,
 Descend and clothe the ground ;
 The liquid streams forbear to flow,
 In icy fetters bound.

V

He sends his word, and melts the snow,
 The fields no longer mourn ;
 He calls the warmer gales to blow,
 And bids the spring return.

VI

The changing wind, the flying cloud,
 Obey his mighty word ;
 With songs and honours sounding loud,
 Praise ye the sov'reign LORD.

HYMN CXCV. C. M.

The baptism and inspiration of Jesus.

I

IN Judah's rugged wilderness,
 Where Jordan rolls his flood,
 In manners strict, and rude in dress,
 The holy Baptist stood :

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And while upon the river side
The people throng'd to hear,
"Repent," the sacred preacher cried,
"The heav'nly kingdom's near."

III

Now Jesus to the stream descends ;
His feet the waters lave ;
And o'er his head, that humbly bends,
The Baptist pours the wave.

IV

When, lo ! a heav'nly form appears
Descending as a dove ;
And wondrous sounds the assembly hears,
Proclaiming from above,—

V

"This is my well-beloved son,
"On him my spirit rests,
"Now is his reign of grace begun,
"Attend his high behests."

VI

The sacred voice has reach'd our ear ;
And still through distant lands
Shall sound, till all his name revere
And honour his commands.

HYMN CXCVI. P. M.

Anxiety reproved.

I

WHY breathes my anxious heart the frequent sigh ?

Why from my weak eye drops the ready tear?
Is it to mark how present blessings fly ?
Is it that griefs to come awake my fear ?

II

O may I still with thankful heart enjoy
The various gifts indulgent heav'n bestows !
Nor let ungrateful diffidence destroy
The present good, with fears of future woes.

III

Nor let me curious ask if dark or fair
My future hours, but in the hand divine
With full affiance leave my ev'ry care ;
Be hope and humble resignation mine.

IV

Celestial guests ! your smile can cheer the heart

When melancholy spreads her deep'ning gloom ;

O come, your animating pow'r impart,
And bid sweet flow'rs amid the desert bloom.

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My God, my guide, be thou for ever near,
Support my steps, point out my devious way;
Preserve my heart from ev'ry anxious fear,
Gild each dark scene with thine enliv'ning ray.

HYMN CXCVII. C. M.

The advent of Christ.

I

JOY to the world ! the LORD is come ;
Let earth receive her king ;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing.

II

Joy to the earth ! the Saviour reigns ;
Let men their songs employ ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.

III

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground :
He comes to make his blessings flow
To earth's remotest bound.

IV

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love.

HYMN CXCVIII. P. M.

Praise to God.

I

PRAISE to thee, thou great creator !
Praise be thine from ev'ry tongue ;
Join, my soul, with ev'ry creature,
Join the universal song.

II

Father ! source of all compassion !
Pure, unbounded grace is thine !
Hail, the God of our salvation !
Praise him for his love divine.

III

For ten thousand blessings giv'n,
For the hope of future joy,
Sound his praise through earth and heav'n,
Sound JEHOVAH's praise on high.

IV

Joyfully on earth adore him,
Till in heav'n our song we raise ;
There enraptur'd fall before him,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

HYMN CXCIX. P. M.

Praise to God.

I

O PRAISE ye the LORD ; prepare a new
song,
And let all his saints in full concert join ;
With voices united the anthem prolong,
And show forth his honours in music divine.

II

Let praise to the God who made us ascend ;
Let each grateful heart exult in its king ;
For God whom we worship our songs will
attend,
And view with complacence the off'ring we
bring.

III

Be joyful, ye saints, sustain'd by his might,
And let your glad songs awake with each
morn ;
For those who obey him are still his delight ;
His hand with salvation the meek will adorn.

IV

Then praise ye the LORD ; prepare a glad
song,
And let all his saints in full concert join ;
With voices united the anthem prolong,
And show forth his honours in music divine.

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HYMN CC. P. M.

Resurrection of Christ.

I

MORNING breaks upon the tomb ;
Jesus dissipates its gloom ;
Day of triumph through the skies,
See the glorious Saviour rise !

II

Christians, dry your flowing tears ;
Chase those unbelieving fears ;
Look on his deserted grave ;
Doubt no more his pow'r to save.

III

Ye who are of death afraid,
Triumph in the scatter'd shade ;
Drive your anxious fears away ;
See the place where Jesus lay.

IV

So the rising sun appears,
Shedding radiance o'er the spheres ;
So returning beams of light
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